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Minutes

OF THE

One Hundred Twenty-Ninth

Annual Session

OF THE

Original Bear Creek

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Union Grove Church

UNION COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

SEPTEMBER 15, 16, AND 17,

1961

Next session convenes wi'h Mountain Creek Church, located Stanley County, North Carolina, Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1962.

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ELDER C. M. MILLS ..... Moderator
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Proceedings

OF THE
ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY—September 15, 1961

The Association met in annual session with Union Grove Church, Union County, N. C., Friday, September 15, 1961, and continued through Saturday and Sunday following.

Brethren, sisters and friends assembled in the house about 10:00 o'clock A. M. After engaging in songs of praise, Elder R. E. Maughmer, Jackson Tennessee, led in prayer, followed by Elder C. M. Mills, pastor of Union Grove Church, delivering the introductory sermon from Luke 19:14.

After about an hour for refreshments, and meeting old and new friends, the association met in the house and engaged in songs of praise, followed with prayer by Elder L. J. Corns, Patrick Springs, Va.

Union Grove Church, with ministers, messengers, and brethren composing the association proceeded to business as follows:

Elder C. M. Mills, pastor of Union Grove Church served as Moderator, and Brother Oren N. Baucom, Clerk of Union Grove Church served as Clerk, and called Brother W. S. Walden to assist.

1. Extended invitation to all orderly Primitive Baptists who are in peace with their home churches to seats with us: All present seated.

2. Called for letters of representation from sister churches composing the association, which were handed in, read, and their status noted:

Union Grove: Represented by full membership.

Mountain Creek: Brethren Frank Medlin, Joe Edwards, J. C. Glover, and Charlie Vanhoy.

Lawyers Spring: Elder Joe C. Helms, Brethren Tommy Horne, Graydan Helms, and Bob Edwards.

High Point: Elder V. V. Willard, Brethren Stokes Willard, Hal Boldin, and Garnet Willard.

Meadow Creek: Brethren Fred Eudy, A. F. Almond, R. L. Hathcock, and Verlon Corbitt.

Watson: Brethren T. L. Simpson, H. N. Curlee, Jathra Helms and Brice Polk.

Pleasant Hill: Brethren Raymond Lucas, Leslie Auman, Rankin Richardson, and Elsie Auman.

High Hill: Brethren Earl Pressley, Ray Simpson, Carl Edwards, and Gerald Wooten.

Park View: Brethren Rieves Cravin, Reid Venable, Vernon Lantin, and Athel Smith.

Liberty Hill: Brethren W. R. Fincher, Hobart Medlin, A. S. Furr, and C. C. Furr.

Pleasant Grove: Brethren Parks Mullis, Glenn Mullis, Brice Stegall and T. B. Curlee.

Bethel: Brethren W. C. Benton, J. R. Mintz, A. D. McLamb, and R. J. Sommerset.

Union: Brethren T. B. Polk, V. H. Solomon, Floyd Robinson, and Floyd Hawks, Jr.

Corinth: Brethren Marvin Styers, Boyce Sprouse, and Walter Peterson.

Mills Chapel: Brethren Lindsey Hargett, Warren Griffin, Claude Horne, and Howard Little.

Oak Grove: Brethren J. H. Gaddy, W. J. Warren, and Lester Adams.

Herrins Grove: Brethren J. R. Almond, J. M. Moyle, J. L. Lewis, and F. M. Harkey.

3. Called for petitionary letters: None presented.

4. The Moderator was authorized to appoint committees on preaching and finance: On preaching: Elder Joe C. Helms, Brethren L. E. Outen, Leonard Baucom, Fred Eudy, and Rankin Richardson.

On finance: Elder D. B. Willard, Brethren W. S. Medlin, C. C. Willard, T. B. Curlee, and Roy Hardy.

5. Called for presbyteries report: In response to a call from High Point Church, the following Elders and Deacons formed a presbytery on Saturday night before the fourth Sunday in October, 1960, and ordained Brethren T. E. Ragen and D. G. Dix to the office of deacon: Elders V. V. Willard, P. H. Byrd, Coy Mabe, W. T. Clifton, and Joe C. Helms. Deacons C. C. Williard, S. E. Morefield, L. A. King, R. F. Morefield, R. T.

Clifton, Max Stewart, Orlin Stewart, Grayden Helms, F. P. Eudy, J. R. Barbee, H. L. Willard, F. C. Willard, Kemp Walker, C. W. Griffin, Elsie Auman, Jonah Heath, W. C. Priddy, L. E. Outen, and Ray Murray.

In response to a call from Park View Church, the following Elders and Deacons formed into a presbytery May 20, 1961 and ordained Brethren Athel Smith and Claude Parnell to the office of deacon. Elders D. B. Willard, V. V. Willard, C. M. Mills, P. H. Young and Joe C. Helms. Deacons F. P. Eudy, C. C. Willard, H. L. Willard, Jonah Heath, C. W. Griffin, N. L. Wilson, D. G. Dix, W. H. Minter, T. B. Curlee, T. E. Ragen, L. A. King, Roy Hardy, Buren Williams, J. R. Barbee, Elsie Auman, F. C. Willard, and L. E. Outen.

In response to a call from Bethel Church, the following Elders and Deacons formed into a presbytery June 24, 1961, and ordained Brother J. R. Mintz to the office of deacon: Elders D. B. Willard, Coy Mabe, Brice C. Haigler, and Joe C. Helms. Deacons M. D. Anderson, C. W. Griffin, T. B. Curlee, Winfred Simpson, O. A. Smith, Claude Parnell, Buren Williams, H. L. Willard, Earl Pressley, A. D. McLamb, Roy Hardy, and L. E. Outen.

In response to a call from Mills Chapel Church, the following Elders and Deacons formed into a presbytery April 29, 1961 and ordained Brother Buren Williams to the office of Deacon. Elders D. B. Willard, C. M. Mills, P. H. Young, Brice C. Haigler, and Joe C. Helms. Deacons Roy Hardy, Leonard Baucom, Jack Moyle, Orlin Stewart, C. W. Griffin, Floyd Hawks, Jr., Earl Pressley, Sam Hartley, C. C. Willard, T. B. Curlee, W. L. Lawless, A. D. McLamb, M. D. Anderson, Fred M. Harkey, Fred Eudy, John Almond, Graydan Helms and L. E. Outen.

6. Invited visitors from corresponding associations to seats with us:

Silver Creek: Brother G. F. Watson.

Little River of North Carolina: Elder J. S. Collins, Elder A. D. McGee and wife, Elder Henry H. Byrd, Brethren Gene McGee, and J. D. Stancil, Brother J. G. McGee and wife,

Brother Freddie Giles and wife, Brother Bert Clayton and wife, Brother Rom Clifton and wife and Brother Seba Clifton and wife.

Original Towaliga: Elder Elzie D. Speir, Sr.

Little River of Georgia: Elder W. S. Kelly and wife, Elder R. E. Cagle, Licentiate Alvin Cagle and Brother Jack Cagle.

Friendship of Georgia: Elder J. A. Monsees and wife, Brother Cyrus P. Cole, Brother W. E. Gloer and wife, Sister Beulah Corbitt, and Sister T. M. Hestler.

Tennessee and Nolachucky: Elder Harold Tipton.

Powells Valley: Sister Harold Tipton.

Mount Zion: Elder J. T. Musick, Sister Lucille McDerment.

7. Invited visiting brethren and sisters from associations and churches with whom we do not carry formal correspondence:

New River Association: Elder L. J. Corns, Elder J. S. Harris and wife, Elder O. A. Harris, Elder J. D. Hopkins, Elder C. F. Martin and wife, Licentiate Alvin Puckett, Brother Roy Chappell and wife, and others.

Martinsville Church: Brother N. L. Wilson and wife, Brother W. A. Ashby and wife, Sister Pace and Sister Minter, and others.

Pine Church: Brother C. E. Gallimore.

Oak Ridge Church: Elder David Hembree.

Mississippi River Association: Elder Wiley Sammons and wife, Brother Bobby Sammons, and Sister Janet Sammons.

Predestinarian Association: Elder R. E. Maughmer and wife.

East Lake Church, Birmingham, Ala.: I. M. Holcombe and wife, and Sister Nancy Brown.

Wetumpka Association: Sister Stella Pattman.

Ketocton Association: Brother James Compton and wife.

North View Church: Elder Coy Mabe.

8. Appointed messengers to visit corresponding associations as follows:

Silver Creek: Elder P. H. Young, Elder H. L. Poplin, and Brother T. B. Curlee.

Little River of North Carolina: Elder Brice C. Haigler, Elder D. B. Willard, Elder E. H. Simpson, Elder V. V. Willard, and Brother E. C. Myers.

Original Towaliga: Elder C. M. Mills and Brother L. E. Outen.

Little River of Georgia: Elder V. V. Willard, Elder Brice C. Haigler, and Brother W. B. Simpson.

Friendship: Elder E. H. Simpson and Brother T. B. Curlee.

Tennessee and Nolachucky: Elder C. M. Mills, Elder E. H. Simpson, Sister Lola Whitley, Sister Fay Burris, and Elder Brice C. Haigler.

Powells Valley: Elder Joe C. Helms and Brother Graydan Helms.

Mount Zion: Elder D. B. Willard, Elder Brice C. Haigler, and Brother W. S. Walden.

9. On motion agreed to continue correspondence with all churches and associations with whom we now correspond, by unanimous vote.

10. Elder H. L. Poplin was appointed by unanimous vote to write the corresponding letter to be printed in the minutes of this session of the association.

11. Unanimously agreed to adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock.

Benediction by Elder D. B. Willard.

SATURDAY—September 16, 1961

Pursuant to adjournment, the association met in the Unionville School Auditorium at 9:00 o'clock A. M. After engaging in songs of praise and prayer by Elder E. D. Spier, Conley, Ga., continued with business as follows:

12. Called on Finance Committee to report:

Handed in by churches	$896.50	
Contributed by friends	29.00	$925.50

13. On motion agreed to distribute minutes as usual.

14. Called for corresponding letter which was read, approved, and adopted.

15. Extended invitation for churches of the association to call for fifth Sunday meetings:

October 1961	Pleasant Grove
December 1961	High Point
April 1962	Liberty Hill
July 1962	Mills Chapel

16. On motion it was unanimously agreed to hold the 1962 session of this association with the church at Mountain Creek, Stanley County, North Carolina, beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September, and continuing through Sunday following, and that the pastor of Mountain Creek Church preach the introductory sermon.

17. On motion it was unanimously agreed to have 1300 copies of this minute printed and distributed to the churces and associations as usual, and that Brother Oren Baucom superintend the printing and distribution, and that he be allowed $125.00 for printing, mailing, and clerk services.

18. Unanimously agreed to distribute all funds over and above the amount allowed in item 17 to ministers present.

19. It was unanimously agreed by standing vote that the association return thanks to God for His mercy, and to the members and friends of Union Grove Church; also to Unionville School and community for help in every way during this meeting. May God richly bless you all, is our humble prayer.

20. Unanimously agreed to adjourn to time and place mentioned above.

Benediction by Elder H. L. Poplin.

ELDER C. M. MILLS, Moderator
BRO. OREN N. BAUCOM, Clerk

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received from churches	$896.50	
Received from friends	29.00	$925.50
Expenditures:		
Printing, mailing and clerk service	$125.00	
Distributed to Ministers	800.50	$925.50

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday A. M.:

Elder C. M. Mills, text Luke 19:14

Friday P. M.:

Elder J. S. Harris, no special text
Elder Henry H. Byrd, text 2 Peter 1:10
Elder O. A. Harris, text Psa. 139:9

Friday Night (Union Grove):

Elder W. S. Kelly, text Eph. 5:13-14
Elder J. T. Musick, text Heb. 9:27

Saturday A. M.:

Elder J. A. Monsees, text Matt. 28:19-20
Elder E. D. Speir, text 1 John 5:1-4

Saturday P. M.:

Elder C. F. Martin, text 1 Cor. 13:13
Elder Edward Cagle, text Matt. 11:25-29
Elder David Hembree, text 2 Tim. 1:8-9

Saturday Night (School Gym):

Elder J. D. Hopkins, text 1 Cor. 9:16
Elder Harold Tipton, text 2 Cor. 5:1

Saturday Night (Lawyers Spring):

Elder Coy Mabe, text Romans 5:1
Elder R. E. Maughmer, text Eccl. 3:14

Saturday Night (Pleasant Grove):

Elder Wiley Sammons, text 1 Cor. 3:11
Elder A. D. McGee, text Matt. 25:14

Sunday A. M.:

Elder L. J. Corns, text 1 Peter 1:12-18
Elder Wiley Sammons, text John 8:28-36
Elder Harold Tipton, text Rom. 5:9

Sunday P. M.:

Elder J. S. Collins, text Galatians 2:21
Elder R. E. Maughmer, text Ephesians 1:3-4

HOME MINISTERS

Elder C. M. Mills, 3130 Central Avenue, Charlotte, N. C.
Elder V. V. Willard, Route 2, High Point, N. C.
Elder D. B. Willard, Route 6, Winston Salem, N. C.
Elder C. L. Ratcliff, Route 3, Monroe, N. C.
Elder E. H. Simpson, Route 4, Concord, N. C.
Elder H. L. Poplin, Route 2, Albemarle, N. C.
Elder P. H. Young, Route 1, Linwood, N. C.
Elder Brice C. Haigler, Route 3, Monroe, N. C.
Elder Joe C. Helms, Peachland, N. C.
Licentiate Harlan Price, Route 2, Monroe, N. C.
Licentiate F. C. Willard, 2437 Marble St.,
Winston Salem, N. C.

VISITING MINISTERS

Elder J. S. Harris, Willis, Va.
Elder O. A. Harris, Stuart, Va.
Elder Henry H. Byrd, Box 284, Benson, N. C.
Elder W. S. Kelly, Route 2, Alpharetta, Ga.
Elder J. T. Musick, 907 Maryland Ave., E Gadsden, Ala.
Elder J. A. Monsees, Box 35, Ellenwood, Ga.
Elder E. D. Speir, 4370 Depot St., Conley, Ga.
Elder C. F. Martin, 103 Oak St., Galax, Va.
Elder Edward Cagle, Route 1, Roswell, Ga.
Elder David Hembree, Route 2, Powell, Tenn.
Elder J. D. Hopkins, 415 Edgewood Dr., Danville, Va.
Eld. Harold Tipton, 3908 Valley View Rd., Knoxville, Tenn.
Elder Coy Mabe, Danberry, N. C.
Elder R. E. Maughmer, 253 Morgan St., Jackson, Tenn.
Elder Wiley Sammons, Colliersville, Tenn.
Elder A. D. McGee, W. Main St., Benson, N. C.
Elder L. J. Corns, P. O. Box 63 Patrick Springs, Va.
Elder J. S. Collins, Route 1, Angier, N. C.
Licentiate F. A. Puckett, Meadows of Dan, Va.
Licentiate Alvin E. Cagle, 2009 Baulderview Dr.,
S. E., Atlanta, Ga.

IN MEMORIAM

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Psalms 116:15

The churches of the association mourn with the bereaved families in the passing of the following loved ones since our last association.

Union Grove: Sister Minnie Medlin, Brother F. Latta Baucom.

Mountain Creek: Brother W. L. Solomon, Sister Effie Helms.

Lawyers Spring: Brother Walter Arrington, Sister Addie Horne.

High Point: Brother M. A. Dix, Brother Riley Inman, Sister Metta Shakelford.

Meadow Creek: Brother W. E. Hatley, Sister B. M. Vanhoy, Sister Sylvia Burris Helms.

High Hill: Sister Rilla Moore, Sister Glennie Helms

Liberty Hill: Sister Bly Medlin, Sister Denona Huneycutt, Sister Ila Green, Brother E. R. Smith.

Bethel: Brother R. O. Lewis, Brother W. T. Bell, Sister L. B. Thompkins.

Union: Brother and Sister J. A. Robinson.

Their bodies are silently resting in the earth from whence they came, awaiting the welcome call, "Come ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Their bodies fashioned like unto His own glorious body, to sing praises to His holy name throughout endless eternity. What a glorious thought!

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To the ministers, messengers, and children of God, who love God.

We, the Original Bear Creek Association, greet you in the name of our God.

As we have assembled, we trust we have one purpose in mind, and that is to serve and praise God for His many blessings.

We rejoice in the election of grace, and that Jesus redeemed us on the cross and borned us of His Spirit, and that He will raise our bodies in His own image and carry us to heaven to perfectly praise Him in soul, body, and spirit.

We love the Bible way of serving God. I thank God for our united ministry, and our united people. Lord, help us to continue to live this way in peace and love. Let us all labor and pray to this end.

You children of God on the outside, we love you for Christ's sake. We hope we will live in such a way that you will be impressed of the Lord to come and live with us, and that you brethren and sisters of other places will continue to visit us. May the rich blessings of God be with you. Pray for us.

In Christian love, —Elder Homer Poplin

CLERK'S NOTE

The Lord has blessed us with another good meeting. Not a note of discord throughout the meeting. We trust we are thankful for such blessings. Five of His little ones came home to live in the church.

The next session will be at Mountain Creek Church. Follow Route 52 from Albemarle, N. C. toward Salisbury, N. C. to the Albemarle City Water Works. Turn right and follow signs.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, grace and glory, and in relative union with the Divine Word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Article 3. We believe that the scripture of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written, revealed word of God and the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's Church in her militant state while here on earth.

Article 4. We believe in the doctrine of election; that God chose His Church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Article 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Article 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Article 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and His righteousness only.

Article 9. We believe that God's elect or Church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Article 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Article 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment, and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the Supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men. We believe in feet washing as taught by our Savior in St. John 13:4-17.

Article 12. We believe that no man, as a minister, has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

Article 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

Article 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

RULES GOVERNING THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1. We understand that at whatever church this Association is being held, that it is being held solely under the authority of that church, just as any other regular or monthly conference.

2. That the officers and suffrages of that church shall be the officers and voice of the Association, except as that church may deem prudent to request any member of another church to assist in the business transactions of the Association.

3. This Association shall have no authority to pass upon any question of a disciplinary nature except it has been passed upon by the local churches composing this Association; then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the Association.

4. Any member who endeavors to bring in or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship, before it has been passed upon by the local churches, shall be considered out of order by the church with which the Association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5. The Association shall be conducted for no purpose other than song, prayer, and preaching services, and no business shall be transacted by the Association except that which is necessary or sets forth the status of each church composing this body in the form of a minute.

CHURCHES, MEETING TIME, MINISTERS

Union Grove: 2nd Sunday A. M., Saturday Night ..... Pastor
4th Sunday Night ..... Elder C. L. Ratcliff

Mountain Creek: 3rd Sunday A. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor

Lawyers Spring: 1st Sunday A. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor
3rd Sunday P. M. ..... Elder Joe C. Helms

High Point: 4th Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
2nd Sunday night ..... Pastor

Meadow Creek: 1st Sunday A. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor

Watson: 4th Sunday A. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor
2nd Sunday night ..... Elder Brice C. Haigler

Pleasant Hill: 3rd Sunday A. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor
4th Sunday night ..... Pastor

High Hill: 1st Sunday P. M., Sturday night ..... Pastor
3rd Sunday night ..... Elder Brice C. Haigler

Park View: 3rd Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
1st Sunday night ..... Pastor

Liberty Hill: 1st Sunday P. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor

Pleasant Grove: 2nd Sunday P. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor

Bethel: 4th Sunday A. M., Saturday P. M. and night ..... Pastor
2nd Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Elders
E. H. Simpson and H. L. Poplin (alternating)

Union: 1st Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
3rd Sunday P. M. ..... Pastor

Corinth: 3rd Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
1st Sunday P. M. ..... Pastor

Mills Chapel: 2nd Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
4th Sunday night ..... Elder Brice C. Haigler

Oak Grove: 4th Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
2nd Sunday P. M. ..... Pastor

Herrins Grove: 4th Sunday P. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor

(On Communion Sundays, all churches meet at 10:00 A. M.)
(See Statistical Table for Communion times.)

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	Communion Sun.	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Relation	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution
Mountain Creek	Eld. C. M. Mills ..	A. C. Medlin, Rt. 2, Albemarle, N. C.	3 July	5	....	....	....	....	....	2	52	$58.00
Lawyers Spring	Eld. V.V. Willard	Tommy Horne, Peachland, N. C.	1 Aug.	1	....	....	....	....	....	2	87	76.00
		H. M. Willard, 1615 Granite St.,	4 May									
High Point	Eld. V.V. Willard	Winston Salem, N. C.	4 Aug.	5	....	....	....	4	....	3	137	100.00
Meadow Creek	Eld. C. M. Mills ..	N. D. Hathcock, Rt. 2, Stanfield, N. C.	1 June	....	....	1	....	....	....	3	66	75.00
Watson	Eld. C. L. Ratcliff	Preston L. Helms, Rt. 3, Marshville, N. C.	4 May	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	43	41.00
Pleasant Hill	Eld. V.V. Willard	G. L. Auman, Rt. 1, Star, N. C.	3 June	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	46	40.00
High Hill	Eld. V.V. Willard	M. C. Mills, Rt. 2, Monroe, N. C.	1 Sept.	1	....	....	....	....	1	2	64	60.00
		C. L. Parnell, 4244 Glen Hi Road,										
Park View	Eld. D. B. Willard	Winston Salem, N. C.	3 May	....	....	....	....	5	....	1	45	50.00
Liberty Hill	Eld. C. M. Mills ..	Ellis Honeycutt, Rt. 1, Oakboro, N. C.	1 July	2	....	....	1	....	....	4	100	50.00
Pleasant Grove	Eld. C. M. Mills ..	Melvin Mills, Rt. 3, Marshville, N. C.	2 July	3	....	1	1	1	....	....	64	67.00
		Oren N. Baucom, 4133 Seaforth Dr.,										
Union Grove	Eld. C. M. Mills ..	Charlotte, N. C.	2 Aug.	3	....	1	....	1	2	2	150	117.00
Bethel	Eld. D. B. Willard	M. D. Anderson, Shallotte, N. C.	4 June	1	....	....	....	....	....	3	61	39.50
Union	Eld. E. H. Simpson	V. H. Solomon, Rt. 2, Gastonia, N. C.	1 May	....	....	2	....	....	1	2	37	40.00
		Walter Peterson, 5700 Parkdale Circle,										
Corinth	Eld. E. H. Simpson	Kings Mountain, N. C.	3 May	....	....	....	....	1	1	....	13	10.00
		Warren W. Griffin, 309 Caldwell St.,										
Mills Chapel	Eld. D. B. Willard	Kannapolis, N. C.	2 June	2	....	....	1	....	....	....	49	48.00
Oak Grove	Eld. H. L. Poplin .	Mrs. Gertrude Griggs, Rt.1, Chesterfield, S.C.	4 July	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	11	5.00
Herrins Grove ..	Eld. C. M. Mills ..	J. L. Lewis, Rt. 1, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	4 June	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	18	20.00
		Donated by friends										29.00
		Totals		23	....	5	4	12	5	24	1043	925.50

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FRIDAY—September 14, 1962

The Association met with Mountain Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Stanley County, North Carolina, Friday, September 14, 1962, and continued through Saturday and Sunday following. Ministers, Messengers, Brethren and Sisters assembled in the house about 10:00 A. M., and engaged in songs of praise. Elder D. B. Willard, Rt. 6, Winston Salem, N. C., led in prayer, after which Elder C. M. Mills, pastor of Mountain Creek Church, delivered the introductory sermon, using as his text 1 Cor. 11:1-2.

About one hour was taken for refreshments, after which the association convened in the house. After a few songs of praise, Elder Joe Hildreth, Atlanta, Ga., led in prayer, and the association proceeded to business as follows:

Elder C. M. Mills, pastor of Mountain Creek Church served as Moderator, Brother Joe Edwards, Assistant Clerk of Mountain Creek Church served as Clerk, and called Brother Oren Baucom as Assistant Clerk.

1. Extended invitation to all orderly Primitive Baptists who are in good standing with their home churches to seats with us. All present seated.

2. Called for letters of representation from sister churches composing the association, which were handed in, read, and their status noted:

Mountain Creek: Represented by full membership.

Lawyers Spring: Brethren Grant Sikes, Graydon Helms, Elder Joe C. Helms, and Brother Truby High.

High Point: Brethren Colan Auman, Raymond Clark, Worth Motsinger, and Garnet Willard.

Meadow Creek: Brethren A. F. Almond, V. E. Hatley, Claud Hathcock, and Fred Eudy.

Watson: Brethren Preston Helms, S. C. Helms, W. B. Simpson, and Douglas Williams.

Pleasant Hill: Brethren Leslie Auman, Raymond Lucas, Elsie Auman, and Rankin Richardson.

Park View: Brethren Vernon Lanten, Thurman Smith, Athel

Smith, and Paul Tucker.

Liberty Hill: Brethren Carl Efird, Hobard Medlin, Fletcher Smith, and Oscar Burris.

Pleasant Grove: Brethren A. P. Mullis, L. D. Mullis, Carl Griffin, and James Mills.

Union Grove: Brethren Conley Baucom, R. C. Austin, Eugene Barbee, and Glen Brooks.

Bethel: Brethren A. D. McLamb, W. C. Mintz, Marsden Benton, and J. R. Mintz.

Union: Brethren T. B. Polk, Lee Robinson, W. R. Coley, and V. H. Solomon.

Corinth: Brethren Marvin Styers, Boyce Sprouse, and Walter Peterson.

Mills Chapel: Brethren Buren Williams, Monroe McClendon, Claud Horne, and Warren Griffin.

Oak Grove: Brethren J. H. Gaddy, Lester Adams, and Jesse Tarlton.

Herrins Grove: Brethren J. L. Lewis, C. M. Herrin, W. B. Hatley, and D. M. Harkey.

3. Called for petitionary letters: None presented.

4. The Moderator was authorized to appoint committees on preaching and finance. On preaching: Elder H. L. Poplin, Brethren Frank Medlin, Graydon Helms, Rankin Richardson, and C. C. Furr.

On finance: Brethren Charlie Vanhoy, C. C. Willard, Melvin Mills, Fred Eudy, and Carl Haigler.

5. Called for presbyteries to report: In response to a call from Union Grove Church, the following Elders and Deacons formed into a presbytery August 10, 1962, and ordained Brethren Oren Baucom and Carl Haigler to the office of deacon. Elders V. V. Willard, C. M. Mills, Brooklyn Willard, Homer Poplin, Hoyle Simpson, Brice Haigler, and Joe Helms. Deacons T. E. Ragen, T. B. Curlee, Earl Pressley, Leonard Baucom, W. S. Medlin, Max Stewart, Claud Parnell, Athel Smith, C. C. Willard, Howard Edwards, Melvin Mills, Jack Moyle, F. P. Eudy, Winfred Simpson, N. D. Hathcock, C. C. Furr, S. H. Edwards, A. E. Broome, Orlin Stewart, C. W. Griffin, Graydon Helms, Bunyon Whitley, Frank Medlin, and Lloyd Outen.

6. Invited visitors from corresponding association to seats with us:

Silver Creek: Elder H. C. McMillon, Brother Gene F. Watson and wife, and Brother Sam Hartley.

Little River of North Carolina: Elder Henry Byrd, Elder J. S. Collins, Brother Milton Byrd and wife, Brother Seba Clifton and wife, Sister Bertha Coats, Brethren Freddie Giles, J. D. Stancil and others.

Original Towaliga: Elder Joe F. Hildreth, Brother Roy Spier and wife, and Sister Virginia Huffman.

Little River of Georgia: Brother C. A. Delong and wife, and Brother Carl Delong and wife.

Friendship of Georgia: Elder J. A. Monsees, Elder C. L. Ratcliff and wife, Brother Harvey Davis, and Sister Beulah Corbitt.

Tennessee and Nolachucky: Not represented.

Powell's Valley: Elder David Hembree, Brethren Floyd Melton, Luther Coward, and Joe Bowling.

Mt. Zion of Alabama: Elder A. B. Hall and wife, Sister Becky Hall, and Elder O. C. Odem.

7. Invited visiting brethren and sisters from associations and churches with whom we do not carry formal correspondence.

New River Association of Virginia: Elder L. J. Corns, Elder J. D. Hopkins, Elder O. A. Harris, and Brother F. C. Stone.

Little Hope Association of Texas: Elder W. J. Blackmon and wife.

Mississippi River Association: Elder Wiley Sammons, Brethren Bobby and William Sammons.

Echeconnee Association: Elder C. E. Darity.

Pine Church: Brother C. E. Gallimore.

North View Church: Elder Coy Mabe and others.

Martinsville Church: Brother N. L. Wilson and wife, Brother Andrew Ashby and wife.

New Hope Church: Brother M. C. Campbell and wife, and Sister Eugenia Campbell.

8. Appoint messengers to visit corresponding associations as follows:

Silver Creek: Elder P. H. Young, Brethren Carl Haigler and Oren Baucom.

Little River of North Carolina: Elder Brice C. Haigler, Elder D. B. Willard, Elder V. V. Williard, Brethren Lloyd Outen, Carl Haigler, and Oren Baucom.

Original Towaliga: Elder Joe C. Helms, Elder C. M. Mills, and Brother Lloyd Outen.

Little River of Georgia: Elder V. V. Willard, Elder Joe C. Helms, and Brother W. B. Simpson.

Friendship of Georgia: Elder D. B. Willard, Brethren Roy Hardy, and T. B. Curlee.

Tennessee and Nolachucky: Elder V. V. Willard, Brethren Carl Haigler, Lloyd Outen, Hobart Medlin, and A. P. Mullis.

Powell's Valley: Elder E. H. Simpson.

Mt. Zion of Alabama: Elder C. M. Mills, Elder Joe C. Helms, and Brother Hobart Medlin.

9. On motion unanimously agreed to continue correspondence with all churches and associations with whom we now correspond.

10. Elder Brice C. Haigler was unanimously appointed to write the corresponding letter to be printed in the minutes of this session of the association.

11. Unanimously agreed to adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock.

Benediction by Elder J. A. Monsees, Ellenwood, Ga.

SATURDAY—September 15, 1962

Pursuant to adjournment, the association met in the house at 9:00 o'clock A. M..

After engaging in songs of praise, Elder Wiley Sammons, Colliersville, Tennessee, led in prayer, and the association continued with business as follows:

12. Called on Finance Committee to report:

Handed in by churches	$904.00	$904.00

13. On motion agreed to distribute minutes as usual.

14. Called for corresponding letter which was read and adopted.

15. Extended invitation for churches of the association to call for fifth Sunday meetings:

September 1962: High Hill, Union County, N. C.

December 1962: Meadow Creek, Stanley County, N. C.

March 1963: Pleasant Hill. Randolph County, N. C.

June 1963, Bethel, Shalotte, N. C.

16. On motion it was unanimously agreed to hold the 1963 session of the association with the church at Lawyers Spring, Anson County, North Carolina, beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September and continuing through Sunday following, and that the pastor of Lawyers Spring Church preach the introductory sermon.

17. On motion it was unanimously agreed that we have 1300 copies of this minutes printed and distributed to the churches and associations as usual, and that Brother Oren Baucom superintend the printing and distribution, and that he be allowed $150.00 for printing, mailing, and clerk service.

18. On motion agreed unanimously to distribute all funds above that allowed in item 17 to ministers present, and any other the finance committee may deem proper.

19. It was unanimously agreed by standing vote that we return thanks to God for His mercy, and to the members and friends of Mountain Creek Church, and community for help in every way during this meeting. Also, to the New London School and principal, Mr. J. F. Turner, for the use of the school building.

20. Unanimously agreed to adjourn to time and place mentioned above.

Benediction by Elder Coy Mabe, Danberry, N. C.

ELDER C. M. MILLS, Moderator
BROTHER JOE EDWARDS, Clerk
BRO. OREN BAUCOM, Ass't Clerk

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received from churches	$904.00	$904.00
Expenditures:		
Printing, Mailing and Clerk Service	$150.00	
Distributed to Ministers	709.00	
Miscellaneous Associational Expenses	45.00	$904.00

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday A. M.:
Elder C. M. Mills, 1 Cor. 11:1-2

Friday P. M.:
Elder L. J. Corns, failed to get text

Friday Night (Union Grove):
Elder Joe Hildreth, Heb. 2:9

Friday Night (Herrins Grove):
Elder J. D. Hopkins, Rev. 22:12
Elder H. C. McMillon, Psa. 78:5; Isa. 6:10

Saturday A. M.:
Elder J. A. Monsees, 1 Sam. 20:1-20
Elder Joe Hildreth, Rom. 3:20-30
Elder H. C. McMillon, Rev. 1:18

Saturday P. M.:
Elder Henry Byrd, John 14:1
Elder Coy Mabe, 2 Tim. 2:11
Elder W. J. Blackmon, Rev. 21:9

Saturday Night (Lawyers Spring):
Elder J. S. Collins, Heb. 6:17-19
Elder Wiley Sammons, John 13:25

Saturday Night (Mountain Creek):
Elder C. E. Darity, Rom. 6:3-16
Elder O. C. Odem, 2 Chronicles 7:12-14

Sunday A. M.:
Elder A. B. Hall, Rom. 12:1-21
Elder Wiley Sammons, Acts 20:35; Rom. 9:16
Elder O. A. Harris, "I Counsel Thee"—Rev. 3:18

Sunday P. M.:
Elder C. E. Darity, Eccl. 7:16-17
Elder David Hembree, Rom. 10:1-6

HOME MINISTERS

Elder C. M. Mills, 3130 Central Ave., Charlotte, N. C.
Elder V. V. Willard, Rt. 2, High Point, N. C.
Elder D. B. Willard, Rt. 6, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Elder E. H. Simpson, Rt. 4, Concord, N. C.
Elder H. L. Poplin, Route 2, Albemarles, N. C.
Elder P. H. Young, Rt. 1, Linwood, N. C.
Elder Brice C. Haigler, Rt. 3, Monroe, N. C.
Elder Joe C. Helms, Peachland, N. C.
Licentiate Harlan J. Price, Rt. 2, Monroe, N. C.
Licentiate F. C. Willard, 2437 Marble St., Winston-Salem, N. C.

VISITING MINISTERS

Elder J. A. Monsees, Box 35, Ellenwood, Ga.
Elder C. L. Ratcliff, Rt. 3, Monroe, N. C.
Elder H. C. McMillon, Rt. 1, Box 462, Lenoir, N. C.
Elder O. C. Odem 125, Walker Dr., Attalla, Ala.
Elder W. J. Blackmon, Rt. 2, Logansport, La.
Elder Henry Byrd, Box 284, Benson, N. C.
Elder Wiley Sammons Colliersville, Tenn.
Elder J. S. Collins, Rt. 1, Angier, N. C.
Elder C. E. Darity, Bloomfield Dr., Macon, Ga.
Elder J. D. Hopkins, 415 Edgewood Dr., Danville, Va.
Elder L. J. Corns, Patrick Springs, Va.
Elder Joe Hildreth, 1998 Sandtown Rd. S. W., Atlanta 11, Ga.
Elder A. B. Hall, Rt. 3, Arab, Ala.
Elder Coy Mabe, Danberry, N. C.
Elder David Hembree, Rt. 2, Powell, Tenn.
Elder O. A. Harris, Rt. 4, Stuart, Va.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To the messengers, churches, and all the brethren composing the Original Bear Creek Association, and corresponding associations. Greetings:

God in His tender mercy, love, and compassion has blessed us to assemble together in an associational capacity. We hope and trust that we are thankful that His unseen and bountiful hand has cared for us this past year. He has blessed our churches with many good meetings, but our hearts have been saddened with the passing of fathers and mothers in Israel. We are grateful for the peace and prosperity that has reigned in the past years. We hope and pray to the eternal and everlasting God that this will continue in the future.

We are satisfied with the Bible truths that have been held to and contended for in the past and up until the present time. We have no intentions of adding to or leaving off.

We appreciate our visitors more than words can express. Your correspondence in love means strength and unity in Zion.

Watch, work, and pray that this will continue until we are carried to that home of rest.

Submitted in love,

—Elder Brice C. Haigler

IN MEMORIAM

It is with sadness and grief that we pause in solemn tribute to our dear members who have passed away since our last association.

Even though our hearts are grieved now, we rejoice in the glorious hope that there is an eternal city not made with hands beyond this life, where we will ever be with the Lord, where there will be no sadness and no more farewells.

"O'er death's sea in yon blest city,
There's a home for you and me,
Purchased with a price most costly,
'Twas the blood of Calvary."

High Point: Sister Alma Joyel, Brother James Reed, Sister Myrtle Crouch

Meadow Creek: Sister G. F. Almond

Pleasant Hill: Brother Barnie Maness

Lawyers Spring: Brother A. P. Horne

Mills Chapel: Sister Velma Zenoma Fulham

Liberty Hill: Brother Fred Lee Honeycutt

High Hill: Sister Odessa Griffin

Union Grove: Brother J. Moses Little, Brother Edmund Outen, Sister Pearl Stenett, Sister Dollie Baucom, Brother George Taylor

Mountain Creek: Brother Lock Vanhoy

Pleasant Grove: Sister Ida Mills, Sister Louise Coffey, Sister Belle Griffin, Brother Adam Tarlton

CLERK'S NOTE

God in His tender love and mercy has blessed us with another good meeting. At the close of the meeting, a precious sister came asking for a home in the church. She stated that she had had a hope for twenty-five years.

The next session of the association will be at Lawyers Spring Church, located in the town of Peachland, Anson County, North Carolina, just off U. S. Highway 74. Exit the highway just west of the underpass, and follow signs.

CHURCHES, MEETING TIME, MINISTERS

Union Grove: 2nd Sunday A. M., Saturday Night ..... Pastor
4th Sunday Night ..... Minister by Invitation

Mountain Creek: 3rd Sunday A. M., Saturday Night ..... Pastor

Lawyers Spring: 1st Sunday A. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor
3rd Sunday P. M. ..... Elder Joe C. Helms

High Point: 4th Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
2nd Sunday night ..... Pastor

Meadow Creek: 1st Sunday A. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor

Watson: 4th Sunday A. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor
2nd Sunday night ..... Elder Brice C. Haigler

Pleasant Hill: 3rd Sunday A. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor
4th Sunday night ..... Pastor

High Hill: 1st Sunday P. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
3rd Sunday A. M. ..... Elder Brice C. Haigler

Park View: 3rd Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
1st Sunday night ..... Pastor

Liberty Hill: 1st Sunday P. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor

Pleasant Grove: 2nd Sunday P. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor

Bethel: 4th Sunday A. M., Saturday P. M. and night ..... Pastor
2nd Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Elders
E. H. Simpson and H. L. Poplin (alternating)

Union: 1st Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
3rd Sunday P. M. ..... Pastor

Corinth: 3rd Sunday A. M. ..... Pastor
1st Sunday P. M. ..... Pastor

Mills Chapel: 2nd Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
4th Sunday A. M. ..... Elder E. H. Simpson

Oak Grove: 4th Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
2nd Sunday P. M. ..... Pastor

Herrins Grove: 4th Sunday P. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor

(On Communion Sundays, all churches meet at 10:00 A. M.)
(See Statistical Table for Communion times.)

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, grace and glory, and in relative union with the Divine Word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Article 3. We believe that the scripture of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written, revealed word of God and the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's Church in her militant state while here on earth.

Article 4. We believe in the doctrine of election; that God chose His Church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Article 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Article 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Article 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and His righteousness only.

Article 9. We believe that God's elect or Church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Article 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Article 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment, and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the Supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men. We believe in feet washing as taught by our Savior in St. John 13:4-17.

Article 12. We believe that no man, as a minister, has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

Article 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

Article 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

RULES GOVERNING THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1. We understand that at whatever church this Association is being held, that it is being held solely under the authority of that church, just as any other regular or monthly conference.

2. That the officers and suffrages of that church shall be the officers and voice of the Association, except as that church may deem prudent to request any member of another church to assist in the business transactions of the Association.

3. This Association shall have no authority to pass upon any question of a disciplinary nature except it has been passed upon by the local churches composing this Association; then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the Association.

4. Any member who endeavors to bring in or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship, before it has been passed upon by the local churches, shall be considered out of order by the church with which the Association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5. The Association shall be conducted for no purpose other than song, prayer, and preaching services, and no business shall be transacted by the Association except that which is necessary or sets forth the status of each church composing this body in the form of a minute.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	Communion Sun.	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Relation	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Contributions
Lawyers Spring ..	Eld. V.V. Willard	Tommy Horne, Peachland, N. C.	1 Aug.	....	....	....	....	....	1	1	85	$65.00
			4 May									
High Point	Eld. V.V. Willard	H. M. Willard, Rt. 5, Winston-Salem, N. C.	4 Aug.	3	....	....	....	....	1	3	136	100.00
Meadow Creek	Eld. C. M. Mills ..	Fred P. Eudy, Rt. 1, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	1 June	6	....	....	....	....	....	1	69	68.00
	Eld. E.H. Simpson											
Watson	Eld. C. M. Mills ..	Preston L. Helms, Rt. 3, Marshville, N. C. ..	4 May	2	....	....	....	2	....	....	43	43.00
Pleasant Hill	Eld. V.V. Willard	G. L. Auman, Rt. 1, Star, N. C.	3 June	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	45	48.00
High Hill	Eld. V.V. Willard	M. C. Mills, Rt. 2, Monroe, N. C.	1 Sept.	2	....	1	....	....	....	1	67	50.00
		C. L. Parnell, 4244 Glen Hi Road,										
Park View	Eld. D.B. Willard	Winston-Salem, N. C.	3 May	....	2	....	1	1	....	....	47	50.00
Liberty Hill	Eld. C. M. Mills ..	Ellis Honeycutt, Rt. 1, Oakboro, N. C.	1 July	1	1	....	....	....	....	1	101	50.00
Pleasant Grove ..	Eld. C. M. Mills ..	Melvin Mills, Rt. 3, Marshville, N. C.	2 July	3	....	....	....	....	2	4	61	64.00
		Oren N. Baucom, 4133 Seaforth Dr.,										
Union Grove	Eld. C. M. Mills ..	Charlotte, N. C.	2 Aug.	12	....	2	....	2	1	5	156	150.00
Mountain Creek ..	Eld. C. M. Mills ..	A. C. Medlin, Rt. 2, Albemarle, N. C.	3 July	7	....	1	....	....	....	1	58	58.00
Bethel	Eld. D.B. Willard	M. D. Anderson, Shalotte, N. C.	5 June	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	66	35.00
Union	Eld. E.H. Simpson	V. H. Solomon, Rt. 2, Bx 302, Gastonia, N.C.	1 May	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	38	40.00
		Walter Peterson, 5700 Parkdale Circle,										
Corinth	Eld. E.H. Simpson	Kings Mountain, N. C.	3 May	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	15	10.00
		Warren Griffin, 309 Caldwell St.,										
Mills Chapel	Eld. D.B. Willard	Kannapolis, N. C.	2 June	4	....	....	....	....	2	1	50	40.00
Oak Grove	Eld. H. L. Poplin	Gertrude Griggs, Rt. 1, Chesterfield, S. C. ..	4 July	3	....	....	....	2	....	....	12	8.00
Herrins Grove	Eld. C. M. Mills ..	J. L. Lewis, Rt. 1, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	4 June	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	18	25.00
			Totals	50	3	4	1	7	7	19	1067	904.00

Minutes

OF THE

One Hundred Thirty-First

Annual Session

OF THE

Original

Bear Creek

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Lawyers Spring Church

ANSON COUNTY, PEACHLAND, NORTH CAROLINA

SEPTEMBER 13, 14, 15,

1963

Next session convenes with Crooked Creek Church located in Union County, North Carolina, Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1964.

OFFICERS

ELD. V. V. WILLARD - Moderator, Rt. 2, High Point, N. C.
TOMMY HORNE - Clerk, Peachland, North Carolina
OREN N. BAUCOM - Assistant Clerk, Charlotte, N. C.
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Proceedings

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Brethren, sisters and friends met in the house about 10 a. m. After engaging in songs of praise, Elder Joe C. Helms led in prayer, and Elder V. V. Willard, pastor of Lawyers Spring Church delivered the Introductory Sermon, using as his text, Luke 1:1-4. After about an hour for refreshments, and greeting old and new friends and kindred in Christ, the Association convened in the house, and sang a few songs of praise, then Elder W. H. Hancock, Macon, Georgia, led in prayer, and the Association proceeded with business as follows: Elder V. V. Willard, pastor of Lawyers Spring Church served as Moderator, Brother Tommy Horne, Clerk of Lawyers Spring Church served as Clerk, and Brother Oren Baucom as Assistant Clerk.

1. Extended invitation to all orderly Primitive Baptists who are in good standing with their home churches to seats with us: All present seated.

2. Called for letters of representation from sister churches composing the Association, which were handed in, read, and their status noted:

Lawyers Spring: Represented by full membership.

High Point: Brethren C. C. Willard, Garnett Willard, Clay Willard, and T. E. Ragen.

Meadow Creek: Brethren R. L. Hathcock, A. F. Almond, V. E. Hatley, and H. V. Corbitt.

Watson: Brethren T. L. Simpson, H. N. Curlee, Fulton Helms, and S. C. Helms.

Pleasant Hill: Brethren Robert Copples, Rankin Richardson, G. L. Auman, and Huston Cox.

High Hill: Brethren John Moore, Howard Edwards, Larry Austin, and C. R. Hill.

Park View: Brethren Roy Craven, Paul Tucker, Brady Johnson, and Hubert Willard.

Liberty Hill: Brethren Buren Medlin, Vernon Medlin, C. C.

Furr, and Jerry Deese.

Pleasant Grove: Brethren T. B. Curlee, Brice Stegall, A. P. Mullis, and Glen Mullis.

Union Grove: Brethren Oren Williams, R. C. Austin, Jeff Taylor, and Tom Honeycutt.

Mountain Creek: Brethren Lane Vanhoy, Robert Medlin, Frank Medlin, and Leroy Plowman.

Bethel: Brethren R. J. Sommerset, W. C. Benton, Marsden Benton, and A. D. McLamb.

Union: Brethren V. H. Solomon, T. B. Polk, Lee Robinson, and Floyd Hawks, Jr.

Corinth: Brother Walter Peterson.

Mills Chapel: Brethren Rom Kerley, Jeff Hardy, Buren Williams, and J. Monroe McClendon.

Oak Grove: Brethren J. H. Gaddy, Lester Adams, Jesse Tarlton, and Clyde Summers.

Herrins Grove: Brethren J. L. Lewis, F. M. Harkey, J. M. Moyle, and W. B. Hatley.

Crooked Creek: Brethren John Hinson, Thomas Broadway, Bernard Simpson, and Junior Rushing.

Jerusalem: Brother C. B. Thomas, Sisters Eliza Thomas, Bessie Thomas, and Rossie Helms.

3. Called for petitionary letters: Letters were handed in and read from Crooked Creek Church, Union County, N. C., and Jerusalem Church, Anson County, North Carolina, asking to be restored into the membership of the Association. It was unanimously agreed by move, second and standing vote that they be received into our fellowship. Both churches having previously denounced the doctrine of absolute predestination of all things, and adopted their Minutes for the year of 1923 as their standard. They were received with much joy.

4. The Moderator was authorized to appoint Committees on Preaching and Finance: On Preaching: Elder Joe C. Helms, Elder C. M. Mills, Brethren Graydon Helms, Rankin Richardson and Howard Edwards. On Finance: Elder Brooklyn Willard, Brethren Lloyd Outen, Orlin Stewart, Verlon Corbitt, and Ellis Honeycutt..

5. Called for presbyteries to report: In response to a call

from Meadow Creek Church, the following Elders and deacons formed into a presbytery, July 6, 1963, and ordained Brethren Ervin Hatley and Verlon Corbitt to the office of deacon. Elders C. M. Mills, E. H. Simpson, Brice Haigler, H. L. Poplin, A. E. Broadway, and Robert Sanders, Deacons Fred Eudy, John Barbee, W. S. Medlin, Leonard Baucom, L. E. Outen, Oren Baucom, Carl Haigler, C. W. Griffin, T. B. Curlee, Melvin Mills, W. B. Simpson, Clifton Willard, T. E. Ragan, Paul Sanders, Elzie Auman, Rankin Richardson, Claude Parnell Athel Smith, Buren Williams, Roy Hardy, Craven Furr, John Almond, Fred Harkey, Thomas Broadway and Howard Edwards.

6. Invited visitors from corresponding Associations to seats with us:

Silver Creek: Elder H. C. McMillon and others.

Little River of North Carolina: Elder Henry Byrd, Elder Durl McGee and wife, Brother J. D. Stancil and wife, Brother Rom Clifton and wife, Brother Freddie Giles and wife, Brethren Pete Watkins, C. Dixon Hamilton, J. W. Boykin, Lonnie Johnson and others.

Original Towaliga: Elder Jerry Hunt and wife, Elder Elzie D. Speir, Sr., and Elder Earl Myers, Brother Roy Speir and wife.

Little River of Georgia: Elder M. M. Morton, Brother Ralph Dangar and wife.

Friendship of Georgia: Brother Clifford Cooke and wife, Sisters M. M. Morton, Beulah Corbitt, Inez Brand, and Sarah Brand, and Brother Tony O'Neal.

Tennessee-Nolachucky: No representation.

Powells Valley: Elders Joe Bowling and Kenneth C. Robbins, Brethren Ray Wells, Floyd Melton, Brother Ray Boyette and wife, Brother James Moore and wife, Brother George Hembree and wife, Brother Dewey Hembree and wife.

Mt. Zion of Alabama: Elder H. P. Copeland and wife.

7. Invited visiting brethren and sisters from Associations and churches with whom we do not carry formal correspondence:

New River Association: Elder O. A. Harris, Elder Alvin Puckett, Elder C. F. Martin and wife, Brother Roy Campbell and wife, and Bro. Leon Harris, Sister Hattie Cruise & others.

Original Sequatchie Valley: Brethren W. C. Wilcoxen and E. D. Hale.

Pine Church: Brother C. E. Gallimore and others.

Wetumpka Association: Elder J. L. Burke.

Ketocton Association: Elder W. G. Fletcher.

Echeconnee Association: Elder W. H. Hancock and wife, Elder C. E. Darity.

Martinsville Church: Brother Noel Wilson and family.

Cincinnati Church: Elder Laserre Bradley, Jr.

New Hope Church: Brother M. C. Campbell nad wife and Sister Eugenia Campbell.

8. Appointed messengers to visit corresponding Associations as follows:

Silver Creek: Elders H. L. Poplin, A. E. Broadway, and P. H. Young.

Little River of North Carolina: Elders E. H. Simpson, Brice Haigler, V. V. Willard, and C. M. Mills.

Original Towaliga: Elders Brice Haigler and C. M. Mills.

Little River of Georgia: Elders E. H. Simpson, H. L. Poplin, and Brother W. B. Simpson.

Friendship of Georgia: Elders V. V. Willard, Joe Helms, and Brother T. B. Curlee.

Tennessee-Nolachucky: Elders Brice Haigler & C. M. Mills.

Powells Valley: Elder Joe Helms and Brother Tommy Horne.

Mt. Zion of Alabama: Elder V. V. Willard.

9. Unanimously agreed to continue correspondence with all churches and associations with whom we now correspond.

10. Elder E. H. Simpson was unanimously appointed to write the Corresponding Letter to be printed in the Minutes of this session of the Association.

11. Unanimously agreed to adjourn until Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. Benediction by Eld. W. G. Fletcher, Strasburg Va.

SATURDAY, September 14, 1963.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Association met in the house at 9 o'clock a. m. After engaging in songs of praise and prayer by Elder E. H. Simpson, the Association continued with business as follows:

12. Called on Finance Committee to report. They reported

as follows: Handed in by the churches ------- $985.00
Contributed by friends ---------- 67.00 $1052.00

13. Agreed to distribute Minutes as usual.

14. Called for Corresponding Letter which was read and adopted.

15. Extended invitation for churches of the Association to call for fifth Sunday meetings. Unanimously agreed as follows:

September, 1963—Union Grove.

December, 1963—Lawyers Spring.

March, 1964—Union.

May, 1964—Crooked Creek.

August, 1964—Watson.

16. Unanimously agreed to hold the 1964 session of the Association with the church at Crooked Creek, Union County, N. C. beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September, and continuing through Saturday and Sunday, and that the pastor of Crooked Creek Church preach Introductory Sermon.

17. On motion it was unanimously agreed to have 1300 copies of this Minute printed and distributed to the churches and associations as usual, and that Brother Oren Baucom superintend the printing and distribution, and that he be allowed $155.00 for printing, mailing and Clerk's services.

18. On motion agreed unanimously to distribute all funds above that allowed in item 17 to ministers present, or any other the Finance Committee may deem proper.

19. It was unanimously agreed by standing vote that we return thanks to God for His mercy, and to the members and friends of Lawyers Spring Church and community for help in every way during this meeting, and all others who have contributed to our comfort. We extend a special thanks to Mr. W. H. Walters, Principal, and Marshville Elementary School for the use of the auditorium. May God richly bless you all.

20. Unanimously agreed to adjourn to time and place mentioned above. Benediction by Elder C. M. Mills.

ELDER V. V. WILLARD, Moderator
BROTHER TOMMY HORNE, Clerk
BROTHER OREN BAUCOM, Assistant Clerk

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received from the churches	$ 985.00	
Received from friends	67.00	$1052.00
Expenditures:		
Printing, mailing, and Clerk's Service	155.00	
Distributed to Ministers	887.00	$1052.00

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:

Elder V. V. Willard, Luke 1:1-4.

Friday Afternoon:

Elder O. A. Harris, failed to get text.
Elder C. E. Darity, 1 Cor. 15:11.

Friday Night:

At Lawyers Spring:
Elder Kenneth Robbins, Rom. 5:1-4.
Elder H. P. Copeland, Heb. 10:14.

Saturday Morning:

New Building:
Elder Jerry Hunt, Heb. 12.
Elder W. G. Fletcher, Prov. 9:1-6.
Elder E. D. Speir, Psa. 144:9.
Old Building:
Elder C. F. Martin, 1 Pet. 4:12-18.
Elder Durl McGee, Rev. 21:1.

Saturday Afternoon:

New Building:
Elder H. C. McMillon, failed to get text.
Elder Henry Byrd, failed to get text.
Elder M. M. Morton, failed to get text.
Old Building:
Elder Alvin Puckett, Rev. 26:1-4.
Elder Kenneth Robbins, 1 John 2:1

Saturday Night:

Lawyers Spring:
Elder Laserre Bradley, Jr., failed to get text.
Liberty Hill:
Elder Earl Myers, Heb. 11:12.
Elder J. L. Burke, 1 Cor. 13:11, 12.
High Hill:
Elder W. H. Hancock, 1 Pet. 1:2.
Elder H. P. Copeland, Heb. 13:7, 8.

Sunday Morning:

Marshville School Auditorium:
Elder J. L. Burke, 1 Tim. 3:16.
Elder Laserre Bradley, Jr., Hosea 13:14.
Elder H. P. Copeland, Song of Solomon 1:7.

Sunday Afternoon:

Elder W. H. Hancock, Heb. 13:10.
Elder A. E. Broadway, John 1:19.

HOME MINISTERS

Elder V. V. Willard, Rt. 2, High Point, N. C.
Elder C. M. Mills, 3130 Central Ave., Charlotte, N. C.
Elder D. B. Willard, Rt. 6, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Elder E. H. Simpson, Rt. 4, Concord, N. C.
Elder H. L. Poplin, Route 2, Albemarles, N. C.
Elder Brice C. Haigler, Rt. 3, Monroe, N. C.
Elder Joe C. Helms, Peachland, N. C.
Elder P. H. Young, Rt. 1, Linwood, N. C.
Elder A. E. Broadway, Rt. 2, Monroe, N. C.
Licentiate Harlan J. Price, Rt. 2, Monroe, N. C.
Licentiate F. C. Willard, 2437 Marble St., Winston-Salem, N. C.

VISITING MINISTERS

Elders:

W. H. Hancock, 3879 Tela Place, Macon, Ga.
C. E. Darity, 3071 Bloomfield Dr., Macon, Ga.
W. G. Fletcher, Rt. 2, Strasburg, Va.
J. L. Burke, 5109 Court M, Birmingham, Ala.
M. M. Morton, 305 Ridgecrest Dr., Lawrenceville, Ga.
Jerry Hunt, 4560 Thompson Mill Rd. Decatur, Ga.
Elzie D. Speir, Sr. 4370 Depot St. Conley, Ga.
H. C. McMillon, Rt. 1, Box 462, Lenoir, N. C.
H. P. Copeland, Rt. 1, Arab, Ala.
Kenneth Robbins, Calvin, Ky.
Earl Myers, Rt. 2, Smyrna, Ga.
Laserre Bradley, Jr. Box 17032, Cincinnati, Ohio.
O. A. Harris, Rt. 4, Stuart, Va.
C. F. Martin, 103 Oak St., Galax, Va .
Durl McGee, Benson, N. C.
Henry Byrd, Benson, N. C.
Alvin Puckett, Rt. 2, Box 98, Meadows of Dan, Va.
Joe Bowling, Rt. 13, Fountain City, Tenn.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To the messengers, churches of the Original Bear Creek Association and corresponding Associations with whom we are in fellowship. Greetings:

God in His love and grace has blessed us to meet again in unity where love is manifested and brethren embracing each other in our arms, which is joy to our souls.

God has blessed the elders to preach salvation by grace, and blessings in obedience, wherein our hearts are made glad. May the Lord bless us to go on in this good way, ever looking unto Jesus, who is the author and finisher of our faith, for He has said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

We hope and pray to God that we will be blessed to meet again next year. We thank God for our visitors, and God help us to live in the way that we will have the influence of each other until we are carried home.

In love,

—Elder E. H. Simpson

IN MEMORIAM

Once again we pause in solemn tribute to our dear members who have passed away since our last Association.

We do not believe that God is the author of sin and death, but of life everlasting. We rejoice in the glorious hope that in His own time, their bodies, with all the redeemed of God, will be raised and fashioned in His own glorious image, and eternally sing His praises in perfection.

"From the deepest caves of ocean, from the desert and the plains,
From the valleys and the mountains, countless throngs shall rise again."

Lawyers Spring: Brother Gaston Caudle, Sister Nora Sanders.

High Point: Brother J. M. Snider, Sister Ana Belle Snider, Brother J. D. Shackleford, Sister Mildred Smith.

Meadow Creek: Brother N. D. Hathcock, Sister Daisy Tucker, Brother John F. Barbee.

Watson: Brother J. Troy Simpson, Brother J. D. Mullis.

Pleasant Hill: Brother S. L. Arrington.

High Hill: Brother Frank Peach, Sister Rettie Bagwell, Sister Nancy Pressley, Brother John Faille.

Park View: Brother Claud Quensby, Sister Burlson.

Liberty Hill: Brother L. M. Whitley, Sister Laura Coley, Brother Luther Medlin.

Bethel: Brother Oree Bell.

Union: Brother Jerry Johnson.

Union Grove: Sister Lou Stewart.

CLERK'S NOTE: This meeting is one long to be remembered. Not a note of discord heard throughout the meeting. Our beloved Moderator baptized five on Sunday morning, and at the close of the meeting Sunday afternoon, four little children came asking for a home with the church. All of the above ranging in age from ten to twenty. We trust we are thankful to God for His wonderful blessings.

The next session of the Association will be at Crooked Creek Church, Union County, N. C., located about ten miles north of Monroe, just off N. C. highway 218, about three miles east of N. C. highway 601.

CHURCHES, MEETING TIME, MINISTERS

Union Grove: 2nd Sunday A. M., Saturday Night ..... Pastor
4th Sunday Night ..... Minister by Invitation

Mountain Creek: 3rd Sunday A. M., Saturday Night ..... Pastor

Lawyers Spring: 1st Sunday A. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor
3rd Sunday P. M. ..... Elder Joe C. Helms

High Point: 4th Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
2nd Sunday night ..... Pastor

Meadow Creek: 1st Sunday A. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor

Watson: 4th Sunday A. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor
2nd Sunday night ..... Elder Brice C. Haigler

Pleasant Hill: 3rd Sunday A. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor
4th Sunday night ..... Pastor

High Hill: 1st Sunday P. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
3rd Sunday A. M. ..... Elder Brice C. Haigler

Park View: 3rd Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
1st Sunday night ..... Pastor

Liberty Hill: 1st Sunday P. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor

Pleasant Grove: 2nd Sunday P. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor

Bethel: 4th Sunday A. M., Saturday P. M. and night ..... Pastor
2nd Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Elders
E. H. Simpson and H. L. Poplin (alternating)

Union: 1st Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
3rd Sunday P. M. ..... Pastor

Corinth: 3rd Sunday A. M. ..... Pastor
1st Sunday P. M. ..... Pastor

Mills Chapel: 2nd Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
4th Sunday P. M. ..... Elder E. H. Simpson

Oak Grove: 4th Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
2nd Sunday P. M. ..... Pastor

Herrins Grove: 4th Sunday P. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor

Crooked Creek: 4th Sunday A. M., Sat. P. M. ..... Pastor

Jerusalem: 2nd Sunday A. M., Sat. P. M. ..... Pastor

(On Communion Sundays, all churches meet at 10:00 A. M.)
(See Statistical Table for Communion times.)

RULES GOVERNING THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1. We understand that at whatever church this Association is being held, that it is being held solely under the authority of that church, just as any other regular or monthly conference.

2. That the officers and suffrages of that church shall be the officers and voice of the Association, except as that church may deem prudent to request any member of another church to assist in the business transactions of the Association.

3. This Association shall have no authority to pass upon any question of a disciplinary nature except it has been passed upon by the local churches composing this Association; then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the Association.

4. Any member who endeavors to bring in or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship, before it has been passed upon by the local churches, shall be considered out of order by the church with which the Association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5. The Association shall be conducted for no purpose other than song, prayer, and preaching services, and no business shall be transacted by the Association except that which is necessary or sets forth the status of each church composing this body in the form of a minute.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, grace and glory, and in relative union with the Divine Word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Article 3. We believe that the scripture of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written, revealed word of God and the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's Church in her militant state while here on earth.

Article 4. We believe in the doctrine of election; that God chose His Church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Article 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Article 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Article 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and His righteousness only.

Article 9. We believe that God's elect or Church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Article 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Article 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment, and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the Supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions

of men. We believe in feet washing as taught by our Savior in St. John 13:4-17.

Article 12. We believe that no man, as a minister, has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

Article 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

Article 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	Communion Sun.	Rec'd by baptism	Rec'd by Relation	Rec'd by letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Contributions
High Point	Eld. V.V. Willard	H. M. Willard, Rt, 5, Winston Salem, N. C.	4 May, Aug.	6	1	....	....	2	1	4	137	$100.00
Meadow Creek	Eld. C. M. Mills	Fred Eudy, Rt. 1, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	1 June	3	....	....	....	....	....	3	68	76.00
Watson	Eld. E.H. Simpson	Preston Helms, Rt. 3, Marshville, N. C.	4 May	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	41	41.00
Pleasant Hill	Eld. V.V. Willard	G. L. Auman, Rt. 1, Star, N. C.	3 June	....	....	....	....	....	5	1	39	55.00
High Hill	Eld. V.V. Willard	Larry Austin, Rt. 3, Monroe, N. C.	1 Sept.	5	....	....	....	....	3	4	65	65.00
Park View	Eld. D.B. Willard	C. L. Parnell, 4244 Glen Hi Road, Winston Salem, N. C.	3 May	....	1	....	....	....	....	2	46	50.00
Liberty Hill	Eld. C. M. Mills	Ellis Honeycutt, Rt. 1, Oakboro, N. C.	1 July	2	....	....	....	2	1	3	97	55.00
Pleasant Grove	Eld. C. M. Mills	Melvin Mills, Rt. 3, Marshville, N. C.	2 July	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	62	62.00
Union Grove	Eld. C. M. Mills	Oren N. Baucom, 4133 Seaforth Dr. Charlotte, N. C.	2 Aug.	6	1	....	....	....	1	1	161	150.00
Mountain Creek	Eld. C. M. Mills	A. C. Medlin, Rt. 2, Albemarle, N. C.	3 July	3	....	2	....	....	....	....	66	64.00
Lawyers Spring	Eld. V.V. Willard	Tommy Horne, Peachland, N. C.	1 Aug.	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	83	85.00
Bethel	Eld. D.B. Willard	M. D. Anderson, Shalotte, N. C.	4 June	5	....	....	....	....	1	2	67	35.00
Union	Eld. E.H. Simpson	V. H. Solomon, R. 2, Bx. 302 Gastonia, N.C.	1 May	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	37	40.00
Corinth	Eld. E.H. Simpson	Walter Peterson, 5760 Parksdale Circle, Kings Mountain, N. C.	3 May	1	....	....	....	....	....	1	14	10.00
Mills Chapel	Eld. D.B. Willard	Warren Griffin, 309 Caldwell St. Kannapolis, N. C.	2 June	2	....	....	1	1	....	....	52	50.00
Oak Grove	Eld. H. L. Poplin	Mrs. Gertrude Griggs, Rt. 1, Chesterfield, S. C.	4 July	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	13	6.00
Herrins Grove	Eld. C. M. Mills	J. L. Lewis, Rt. 1, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	4 June	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	19	25.00
Crooked Creek	Eld. A. Broadway	J. A. Hinson, Rt. 2, Monroe, N. C.	4 July	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	33	16.00
Jerusalem	Eld. A. Broadway	C. B. Thomas, Rt. 4, Matthews, N. C.	2 Aug.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	8	
		Totals		35	3	3	1	5	12	26	1108	$985.00
			Handed in by friends									$67.00
			Total									$1052.00

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Minutes

OF THE

One Hundred Thirty-Second

Annual Session

OF THE

Original

Bear Creek

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Crooked Creek Church

UNION COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

SEPTEMBER 18, 19, 20,

1964

Next session convenes with High Point Church, located at High Point, North Carolina, Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1965.

OFFICERS

ELDER A. E. BROADWAY - Mod., Rt. 2, Monroe, N. C.
BROTHER JOHN HINSON - Clerk, Rt. 2, Monroe, N. C.
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Proceedings

OF THE 132nd ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY, September 18, 1964

The Association met with Crooked Creek Church, Union Co., N. C., Friday, September 18, 1964, and continued through Saturday and Sunday following.

Brethren, sisters and friends assembled in the house about 10 o'clock a. m., and engaged in songs of praise. Then Elder C. M. Mills led in prayer, after which Elder A. E. Broadway, pastor of Crooked Creek Church delivered the Introductory Sermon from Matt. 7:15 and Gal. 5:22.

After an enjoyable lunch hour, and greeting old and new friends and kindred in Christ, the Association convened in the house. After a short song service, Elder Kenneth Robbins, Calvin, Kentucky led in prayer, and the Association proceeded to business as follows:

Elder A. E. Broadway, pastor of Crooked Creek Church, served as Moderator, Brother John Hinson, Clerk of Crooked Creek Church served as Clerk, and called Brother Oren Baucom as Assistant Clerk.

1. Extended invitation to all orderly Primitive Baptists who are in good standing with their home churches to seats with us.

2. Called for letters of representation from sister churches composing the Association, which were handed in, read, and their status noted.

Crooked Creek: Represented by the entire body.

High Point: Brethren H. M. Willard, Stokes Willard, Ramon Clark, and Emory Nelson.

Meadow Creek: Brethren H. V. Corbitt, V. E. Hatley, Michael Eudy and A. F. Almond.

Watson: Brethren W. B. Simpson, Douglas Williams, David Helms and Billy C. Helms.

Pleasant Hill: Brethren Elzie Auman, Huston Cox, Johnnie Woodell, and David Copples.

High Hill: Brethren Robert Pressley, Johnnie Edwards, Billy Benton, and Ray Simpson.

Park View: Brethren Athel Smith, Glen Cole, Thurman Smith, and Donald Thompson.

Liberty Hill: Brethren Clyde Smith, Roy Branch, Ellis Honeycutt, and Reece Eury.

Pleasant Grove: Brethren Carl Griffin, Winfred Newsom, Clayton Griffin, and A. P. Mullis.

Union Grove: Brethren Kenneth Austin, Dwight Griffin, Carl Haigler, and Sam Taylor.

Mountain Creek: Brethren Robert Medlin, A. C. Medlin, Lane Vanhoy, and Bruce Baucom.

Lawyer Spring: Brethren Graydon Helms, Wilson Greene, James Horne, and Truby High.

Bethel: Brethren Carl Stevens, A. D. McLamb, W. M. Benton, and M. D. Anderson.

Union: Brethren Floyd Hawks, T. B. Polk, Lee Robinson, and V. H. Solomon.

Corinth: Brethren Marvin Styers, and Walter Peterson.

Mills Chapel: Brethren Rom Kerley, Jeff Hardy, Howard Little, and Monroe McLendon.

Oak Grove: Brethren J. H. Grady, Jesse Tarlton, and Lester Adams.

Herrins Grove: Brethren D. M. Harkey, W. B. Hatley, J. R. Almond, and J. L. Lewis.

Jerusalem: Brother C. B. Thomas, Sisters Eliza Thomas, Margie Baucom, and Bessie Thomas.

New Hope: Brother M. C. Campbell, Sisters M. C. Campbell, and Eugenia Campbell.

3. Called for petitionary letters: The Church at New Hope, Columbia, South Carolina, presented a letter asking for membership in the Association. After hearing favorable reports from several of our brethren, the Association unanimously agreed to receive them by move, second, and standing vote. Elder Joe Helms is their pastor.

4. The Moderator was authorized to appoint committees on preaching and finance. Appointed as follows:

On Preaching: Elders V. V. Willard, C. M. Mills, Brethren C. B. Thomas, H. V. Corbitt, Ellis Honeycutt, and A. E. Broom.

On Finance: Brethren Carl Haigler, Orlin Stewart, Howard Edwards, Thomas Broadway, and E. G. Willard.

5. Called for presbyteries to report: In response to a call

from Liberty Hill Primitive Baptist Church for ordained help, the following Elders and Deacons formed into a presbytery April 4, 1964, and ordained Brother Bill Fincher to the office of Deacon. Elders C. M. Mills, H. L. Poplin, Brice C. Haigler, Joe C. Helms, A. E. Broadway, and R. E. Maughmer. Deacons E. F. Lambert, C. C. Furr, John Harwood, Max Stewart, Orlin Stewart, Graydon Helms, John Almond, Jack Moyle, Fred Eudy, Ervin Hatley, Verlon Corbitt, Charlie Vanhoy, C. W. Griffin, T. B. Curlee, Roy Hardee, Burin Williams, Leonard Baucom, Carl Haigler, Winfred Simpson, Thomas Broadway, Oren Baucom, and Lloyd Outen.

In response to a call for ordained help from Crooked Creek Primitive Baptist Church, the following Elders and Deacons formed into a presbytery April 25, 1964, and ordained Brethren Brown Biggers and Buford Hinson to the office of Deacon. Elders A. E. Broadway, C. M. Mills, P. H. Young, Brice C. Haigler, Joe C. Helms, and H. L. Poplin. Deacons Thomas Broadway, Bill Fincher, C. W. Griffin, C. C. Furr, Graydon Helms, Carl Haigler, Fred Eudy, Burin Williams, Roy Hardee, Fred Harkey, John Almond, John Harwood, C. B. Thomas, Bill Curlee, Ervin Hatley, W. S. Medlin, Howard Edwards, Orlin Stewart, and Oren Baucom.

6. Invited visiting brethren from corresponding associations to seats with us:

Silver Creek Association: Elder H. C. McMillon and others.

Little River of North Carolina: Elder C. D. McGee, Elder H. C. Byrd, Brethren Lonnie Johnson, Bruce Johnson, Seba Clifton and sons, Alton McGee, Brother H. H. Reeves and wife, Brother Freddie Giles and wife, Sister Frances Johnson, and Sister Burlene Honeycutt, and others.

Original Towaliga: Elders J. A. Monsees, and E. D. Speir, Brother Roy Speir and wife.

Little River of Georgia: Elders M. M. Morton, W. N. Cagle, R. E. Cagle, Brethren Jack Cagle, and Kelly Rampley.

Friendship of Georgia: Sisters M. M. Morton, Ida Smith, Bessie Hutchinson, and Beulah Corbitt.

Tennessee-Nolachucky: Minutes.

Powells Valley: Elder Kenneth Robbins and wife, Elders

David Hembree, and Joe Bowling, Brother Joe Robbins and wife, Brethren Charles Greene, Ray Boyette, Ray Wells, Floyd Melton, and Henry Wolfenberger.

Mt. Zion of Alabama: Elder W. O. Hunt, Elder E. B. Watts and wife, and Sister H. C. Spears.

7. Invited visiting brethren from associations and churches with whom we do not carry formal correspondence to seats with us:

Echeconnee Association: Elder C. E. Darity, Brother L. C. Nowell, and wife, and Sister Willie Phillips.

Oconee Association of Georgia: Brother Gordon Tyner and wife.

Talapoosa Church: Elder J. T. Todd, Sr.

Spoon Creek Church: Elder J. D. Hopkins and wife.

New River Association: Elder Oscar Harris, Elder Alvin Puckett, and others.

Ketocton Association: Elder W. G. Fletcher.

Pine Church: Brother C. E. Gallimore and others.

8. Appointed messengers to visit corresponding associations as follows:

Silver Creek: Elders P. H. Young, A. E. Broadway, E. H. Simpson, Brethren Carl Haigler and Oren Baucom.

Little River of North Carolina: Elders D. B. Willard, E. H. Simpson, C. M. Mills, and Brother Lloyd Outen.

Original Towaliga: Elders C. M. Mills and V. V. Willard.

Little River of Georgia: Elders Brice C. Haigler, A. E. Broadway, Joe C. Helms, V. V. Willard, and Brother W. B. Simpson.

Friendship of Georgia: Elder E. H. Simpson.

Tennessee-Nolachucky: Elders C. M. Mills and Joe C. Helms.

Powells Valley: Elders Brice C. Haigler and C. M. Mills.

Mt. Zion of Alabama: Elders D. B. Willard and Brice C. Haigler.

9. Unanimously agreed to continue correspondence with all churches and associations with whom we now correspond.

10. Elder C. M. Mills was unanimously appointed to write the Corresponding Letter to be printed in the minutes of this session of the Association.

11. Unanimously agreed to adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock.

Benediction by Elder V. V. Willard.

SATURDAY, September 19, 1964

Pursuant to adjournment, the Association met in the house at 9:00 o'clock a. m. After engaging in songs of praise, and prayer by Elder V. V. Willard, the Association continued with business as follows:

12. Called on Finance Committee to report. They reported as follows:

Handed in by Churches	$1,016.00	
Contributed by friends	126.70	$1,142.70

13. Agreed unanimously to distribute minutes as usual.

14. Called for Corresponding Letter which was read and approved.

15. Extended invitation for Churches of the Association to call for fifth Sunday meetings. Unanimously granted as follows:

November 1964	Bethel
January 1965	Liberty Hill
May 1965	Meadow Creek
August 1965	Jerusalem

16. Unanimously agreed to hold the 1965 session of the Association with the church at High Point, High Point, North Carolina, beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September, and that the pastor of High Point Church deliver the Introductory sermon.

17. Unanimously agreed to have 1400 copies of this minute printed and distributed to the churches and associations as usual, and that Brother Oren Baucom superintend the printing and distribution, and that he be allowed $175.00 for printing, mailing and clerk services.

18. Unanimously agreed to distribute all funds above that allowed in item 17 to ministers present, or any other the Finance Committee may deem proper.

19. It was unanimously agreed that we make the following alterations in our Rules Governing the Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association: by move, second, and vote.

(1) We understand that at whatever Church this Association

is being held, it is under the authority of the Hostess Church, as any other regular or monthly conference meeting, in which the Church invites the Ministers and Messengers of the sister churches to seats, and take part with them.

(2) The officers of that Church shall be the officers of the Association, provided the Pastor is a member of the Association, and if not, the Church shall elect any member of the Association to preside as Moderator. The Church may request the help of any member of another sister Church to assist in the business transactions of the Association.

(3) As is.

(4) As is.

(5) The Association shall be conducted for the purpose of associating together in Song, Prayer, and Preaching Service. The Finance Committee shall disburse the funds on hand, as the Association shall so direct. The Body may receive corresponding messengers and visitors from sister associations, and may appoint messengers and visitors to keep up a correspondence with sister associations. No other business shall be transacted by the Association, except that which is necessary to set forth the status of each Church composing this Association in the form of a minute.

20. It was unanimously agreed by standing vote that we return thanks to God for His mercy, and to the members and friends of Crooked Creek Church and community for help in every way during this meeting, and all others who have contributed to our comfort. A standing vote of thanks was rendered to the Boy Scouts of America Troop 169 of the community for supervising parking.

May God in His infinite wisdom and mercy richly bless you all, is our humble prayer.

21. Unanimously agreed to adjourn to time and place afore mentioned.

After reading of the minute, benediction by Elder J. A. Monsees.

ELDER A. E. BROADWAY, Moderator
BROTHER JOHN HINSON, Clerk
BROTHER OREN BAUCOM, Ass't Clerk

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received from the churches	$1,016.00	
Received from friends	126.70	$1,142.70
Disbursements:		
Printing, mailing, and Clerk's service	$ 175.00	
Distributed to Ministers	967.70	$1,142.70

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:
Elder A. E. Broadway, Matt. 7:15 and Gal. 5:22

Friday Afternoon:
Elder W. N. Cagle, Matt. 6:24
Elder C. E. Darity, 1 Cor. 9:19

Friday Night:
Elder O. A. Harris, Psa. 1:21
Elder W. G. Fletcher, Eccl. 12:1

Saturday Morning:
Elder J. H. Todd, Matt. 28:1
Elder W. O. Hunt, Heb. 10:14
Elder E. B. Watts, Heb. 10:32
Elder R. E. Cagle, John 6: 34

Saturday Afternoon:
Elder J. A. Monsees, No special text
Elder E. D. Speir, Heb. 10: and Eph. 2:
Elder H. C. McMillon, Acts 2:37-38

Saturday Night (Crooked Creek):
Elder A. D. McGee, Titus 2:11
Elder Kenneth Robbins, No special text

Lawyers Spring:
Elder J. D. Hopkins, Luke 1:
Elder M. M. Morton, "Come"

Sunday Morning:
Elder Kenneth Robbins, John 1:1-3
Elder David Hembree, Romans 11:26-28
Elder M. M. Morton, 2 Cor. 1:10

Sunday Afternoon:
Elder Henry Byrd, "I Want to Go Home."
Elder V. V. Willard, Mark 14:8

HOME MINISTERS

Elder A. E. Broadway, Rt. 2, Monroe, N. C.
Elder C. M. Mills, 3130 Central Ave., Charlotte, N. C.
Elder V. V. Willard, Rt. 2, High Point, N. C.
Elder E. H. Simpson, Rt. 4, Concord, N. C.
Elder D. B. Willard, Rt. 6, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Elder Brice C. Haigler, Rt. 3, Box 305B, Monroe, N. C.
Elder H. L. Poplin, Route 2, Albemarles, N. C.
Elder Joe C. Helms, Peachland, N. C.
Elder P. H. Young, Rt. 1, Linwood, N. C.
Licentiate F. C. Willard, 2437 Marble St., Winston-Salem, N. C.
Licentiate Harlan J. Price, Rt. 2, Monroe, N. C.
Licentiate Rom Kerley, 903 Alma Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.
Licentiate F. W. Stack, Jr., Rt. 3, Monroe, N. C.

VISITING MINISTERS

Elders:

H. C. McMillon, Rt. 1, Box 462, Lenoir, N. C.
C. D. McGee, Rt. 1, Angier, N. C.
Henry Byrd, P. O. Box 284, Benson, N. C.
J. A. Monsees, Box 35, Ellenwood, Ga.
E. D. Speir, 4370 Depot Street, Conley, Ga.
M. M. Morton, 305 Ridgecrest Dr., Lawrenceville, Ga.
W. N. Cagle, Rt. 3, Alpharetta, Ga.
R. E. Cagle, Rt. 1, Roswell, Ga.
Kenneth Robbins, Calvin, Kentucky
David Hembree, 134 Jarrett Lane, Oak Ridge, Tenn.
Joe Bowling, Rt. 13, Fountain City, Tenn.
W. O. Hunt, Rt. 2, Holly Pond, Ala.
E. B. Watts, Rt. 1, Horton, Ala.
C. E. Darity, 3071 Bloomfield Dr., Macon, Ga.
J. T. Todd, 42 Owens Drive, Austell, Ga. 300001
J. D. Hopkins, 415 Edgewood Dr., Danvilee, Va.
O. A. Harris, Rt. 4, Stuart, Va.
Alvin Puckett, Rt. 2, Box 98, Meadows of Dan, Va.
W. G. Fletcher, Rt. 2, Strasburg, Va.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To the messengers and churches of the Original Bear Creek Association, together with our corresponding Associations, and the Churches with whom we correspond.

Greetings: Through the mercy of God, we have been blessed to meet in peace and fellowship again. One more year has passed and gone. We are traveling here as pilgrims and strangers, and unknown by the world, but known, and we believe, beloved, by our God and Father.

We surely appreciate your presence. Your ministers have come preaching salvation by God's grace. The new birth is brought about by the sovereign work of God's spirit. We surely believe that God will fulfill all of His promises. He will do exactly what He said that he would do, and our home in heaven depends upon God carrying out His sacred promises.

We also believe that His Church and People should obey the instructions set forth by Jesus Christ and the apostles. Our fellowship and peace in, and with the Church, hinges in a large measure upon obeying and respecting these sacred principles, in doctrine, practice, and discipline.

We are taught to love God and one another. Love casts out fear. Love works no evil toward one another. The more we manifest our love to one another, the stronger the bonds of fellowship become, but where there is no love manifested, coldness, strife, and every evil imagination will arise to plague the brethren. Better things are required of us, because the love of God has been shed abroad in our hearts, by the Holy Spirit.

May God grant that this correspondence of love and fellowship continue with each Church and Association.

Come to visit us more often. We are looking forward to seeing you next year. May the love of God, and the grace of Jesus Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with each of you now and forevermore.

In Love and Hope,

—Elder C. M. Mills

IN MEMORIAM

Although we have had many happy seasons of rejoicing since our last association, we have shed tears of sorrow over the death of some of our precious loved ones. They have left a vacancy in our various churches in the Associations, but they have also left fond memories which we all cherish. May that vacancy be filled with the light of God's love, and the sweet memories remain in our hearts.

Hight Point: Brother Isak Jackson

High Hill: Sister Frances Scott

Liberty Hill: Deacon Ellis Lambert

Pleasant Grove: Sister Bainey Nance

Union Grove: Brother C. F. Edwards

Mountain Creek: Sister Minnie Vanhoy

Union: Sister Emma L. Hope

Mills Chapel: Brother Walter Helms,
Sister Letha Burris

Lawyers Spring: Brethren Bunyan Medlin,
and Frank Baucom; Sisters
Mary Greene and Ester Nance

Bethel: Sister Bessie Long

CLERK'S NOTE

Another sweet meeting has passed and gone, but surely not forgotten. Not a note of discord heard throughout the meeting. We thank God for His many blessings.

The next session will be at High Point Church, located in the city of High Point, N. C., one block north of Lexington Avenue, and one block west of North Main St. (U. S. 311), corner of Rockspring Rd. and Long Street. Leave N. Main St. at Rockspring Rd. and leave Lexington Ave. at Long St.

RULES GOVERNING THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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2. The officers of that Church shall be the officers of the Association, provided the Pastor is a member of the Association, and if not, the Church shall elect any member of the Association to preside as Moderator. The Church may request the help of any member of another sister Church to assist in the business transactions of the Association.

3. This Association shall have no authority to pass upon any question of a disciplinary nature except it has been passed upon by the local churches compossing this Association; then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the Association.

4. Any member who endeavors to bring in or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship, before it has been passed upon by the local churches, shall be considered out of order by the church with which the Association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5. The Association shall be conducted for the purpose of associating together in song, prayer, and preaching service. The Finance Committee shall disburse the funds on hand, as the Association shall so direct. The Body may receive corresponding messengers and visitors from sister associations, and may appoint messengers and visitors to keep up a correspondence with sister associations. No other business shall be transacted by the Association, except that which is necessary to set forth the status of each Church composing this Association in the form of a minute.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, grace and glory, and in relative union with the Divine Word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Article 3. We believe that the scripture of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written, revealed word of God and the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's Church in her militant state while here on earth.

Article 4. We believe in the doctrine of election; that God chose His Church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Article 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Article 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Article 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and His righteousness only.

Article 9. We believe that God's elect or Church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Article 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Article 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment, and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the Supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men. We believe in feet washing as taught by our Savior in St. John 13:4-17.

Article 12. We believe that no man, as a minister, has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

Article 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

Article 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

CHURCHES, MEETING TIME, MINISTERS

Union Grove: 2nd Sunday A. M., Saturday Night ..... Pastor
4th Sunday Night ..... Elder Brice C. Haigler
Mountain Creek: 3rd Sunday A. M., Saturday Night ..... Pastor
Lawyers Spring: 1st Sunday A. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor
3rd Sunday P. M. ..... Elder Joe C. Helms
High Point: 4th Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
2nd Sunday night ..... Pastor
Meadow Creek: 1st Sunday A. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor
Watson: 4th Sunday A. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor
3rd Sunday night ..... Elder Brice C. Haigler
Pleasant Hill: 3rd Sunday A. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor
4th Sunday night ..... Pastor
High Hill: 1st Sunday P. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
3rd Sunday A. M. ..... Elder Brice C. Haigler
Park View: 3rd Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
1st Sunday night ..... Pastor
Liberty Hill: 1st Sunday P. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
3rd Sun. night ..... Minister by Appointment
Pleasant Grove: 2nd Sunday P. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor
Bethel: 4th Sunday A. M., Saturday P. M. and night ..... Pastor
2nd Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Elders
E. H. Simpson and H. L. Poplin (alternating)
Union: 1st Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
3rd Sunday P. M. ..... Pastor
Corinth: 3rd Sunday A. M. ..... Pastor
1st Sunday P. M. ..... Pastor
Mills Chapel: 2nd Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
4th Sunday P. M. ..... Elder Brice Haigler
Oak Grove: 4th Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
2nd Sunday P. M. ..... Pastor
Herrins Grove: 4th Sunday P. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
Crooked Creek: 4th Sunday A. M., Sat. P. M. ..... Pastor
Jerusalem: 2nd Sunday A. M., Sat. P. M. ..... Pastor
New Hope: 4th Sunday A. M., Saturday Night ..... Pastor
2nd Sunday A. M. ..... Pastor

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH	PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	Annual or Com.	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Relation	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Contributions
High Point	Eld. V. V. Willard	H. M. Willard, Rt. 5, Winston Salem, N. C.	4 May, Aug.	11	....	....	....	....	....	1	147	$100.00
Meadow Creek	Eld. C. M. Mills	Fred Eudy, Rt. 1, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	1 June	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	75	75.00
Watson	Eld. E.H. Simpson	Preston L. Helms, Rt. 3, Marshville, N. C.	4 May	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	41	41.00
Pleasant Hill	Eld. V. V. Willard	G. L. Auman, Rt. 1, Star, N. C.	3 June	3	....	....	....	....	2	....	40	50.00
High Hill	Eld. V. V. Willard	Larry Austin, Rt. 3, Monroe, N. C.	1 Sept.	6	....	....	....	....	1	1	71	50.00
Park View	Eld. D. B. Willard	C. L. Parnell, 4244 Glen Hi Road, Winston Salem, N. C.	3 May	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	47	50.00
Liberty Hill	Eld. C. M. Mills	Ellis Honeycutt, Rt. 1, Oakboro, N. C.	1 July	9	....	....	....	1	1	1	103	55.00
Pleasant Grove	Eld. C. M. Mills	T. B. Curlee, Rt. 3, Marshville, N. C.	2 July	3	....	1	....	1	....	1	64	65.00
Union Grove	Eld. C. M. Mills	Oren N. Baucom, 4133 Seaforth Dr., Charlotte, N. C.	2 Aug.	11	....	....	....	....	....	1	171	150.00
Mountain Creek	Eld. C. M. Mills	A. C. Medlin, Rt. 2, Albemarle, N. C.	3 July	2	....	....	....	....	....	1	67	61.00
Lawyers Spring	Eld. V. V. Willard	Tommy Horne, Peachland, N. C.	1 Aug.	12	....	....	1	....	....	4	92	67.00
Crooked Creek	Eld. A. Broadway	J. A. Hinson, Rt. 2, Monroe, N. C.	4 July	7	1	....	1	....	2	....	40	40.00
Bethel	Eld. D. B. Willard	M. D. Anderson, Shalotte, N. C.	4 June	13	....	....	....	....	2	1	78	41.00
Union	Eld. E.H. Simpson	V. H. Soloman, Rt. 2, Gastonia, N. C.	1 May	2	....	....	3	....	....	1	41	40.00
Corinth	Eld. E.H. Simpson	Walter Peterson, 5700 Parksdale Circle, Kings Mountain, N. C.	3 May	1	....	....	1	....	....	....	16	5.00
Mills Chapel	Eld. D. B. Willard	Warren Griffin, 309 Caldwell St., Kannapolis, N. C.	2 June	1	....	....	1	....	....	2	53	50.00
Oak Grove	Eld. H. L. Poplin	Mrs. Gertrude Griggs, Rt. 1, Chesterfield, S. C.	4 July	2	....	....	....	1	....	....	14	11.00
Herrins Grove	Eld. C. M. Mills	J. L. Lewis, Rt. 1, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	4 June	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	21	25.00
Jerusalem	Eld. A. Broadway	C. B. Thomas, Rt. 4, Matthews, N. C.	2 Aug.	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	12	40.00
New Hope	Eld. Joe C. Helms	W. W. Davis, Rt, 2, Hopkins, S. C.	4 Aug.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	10	
		Totals		96	1	1	7	3	8	14	1203	1016.00
				Handed in by friends								$ 126.70
				Total Contribution								$1142.70

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Minutes

OF THE

One Hundred Thirty-Third Annual Session

OF THE

ORIGINAL Bear Creek

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

High Point Church

GUILFORD COUNTY, HIGH POINT, N. C.

SEPTEMBER 17, 18, 19,

1965

Next session convenes with Meadow Creek Church, located at Locust, Stanley County, N. C., Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1966.

OFFICERS

ELDER V. V. WILLARD ..... Moderator
Rt. 2, High Point, N. C.

BROTHER H. M. WILLARD ..... Clerk
Rt. 5, Winston-Salem, N. C.

BROTHER OREN BAUCOM ..... Assistant Clerk
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Proceedings

OF THE 133rd ANNUAL SESSION OF THE
ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY, September 17, 1965.

The Association met in annual session with High Point Primitive Baptist Church, High Point, N. C., and continued through Saturday and Sunday following.

Ministers, brethren, sisters and friends assembled in the house around 10 o'clock a. m. After singing songs of praise to our heavenly Father, Elder J. A. Monsees, Ellenwood, Ga., led in prayer, and Elder V. V Willard, pastor of High Point Church, delivered the Introductory Sermon from 1 John 1.

An hour for refreshments was enjoyed after which the Association convened in the house. There was a short song service, then Elder Hartsel Cayce, Thornton, Arkansas, led in prayer and the Association proceeded with business as follows: Elder V. V. Willard, pastor of High Point Church, served as Moderator; Brother H. M. Willard, Clerk of High Point Church, served as Clerk, and called Brother Oren Baucom as Assistant Clerk.

1. Extended invitation to all orderly Primitive Baptists who are in good standing with their home churches to seats with us. All seated.

2. Called for letters of representation from the sister churches of the Association, which were handed in, read, and their status noted.

High Point: Represented by the entire membership.

Meadow Creek: Brethren H. V. Corbitt, Ervin Hatley, J. L. Deese, and Adam Almond.

Watson: Brethren Preston L. Helms, Cletus Helms, T. L. Simpson, and W. B. Simpson.

Pleasant Hill: Brethren Rankin Richardson, Elzie Auman, Robert Cappel, and Johnnie Woddell.

High Hill: Brethren Howard Edwards, Larry Austin, Edward Pressley, and Earl Pressley.

Park View: Brethren Jonah Heath, Athel Smith, Brady Johnson, and Glen Cole.

Liberty Hill: Brethren W. R. Fincher, C. C. Furr, Vernon

Medlin, and Vance Hatley.

Pleasant Grove: Brethren Winfred Newsome, Glen Mullis, L. D. Mullis, and T. B. Curlee.

Union Grove: Brethren Newell Helms, Kenneth Austin, Conley Baucom, and L. E. Outen.

Mountain Creek: Brethren J. L. Eury, Charlie Vanhoy, Joseph Edwards, and Lane Vanhoy.

Lawyer's Spring: Brethren Orlin Stewart, Graydon Helms, Elder Joe C. Helms, and Brother Paul High.

Crooked Creek: Brethren Buford Hinson, Thomas Broadway, John Hinson, and Brown Biggers.

Bethel: Brethren A. D. McLamb, Marsden Benton, Carlos Benton, and L. B. Thompkin.

Union: Brethren T. B. Polk, Lee Robinson, V. H. Solomon, and Floyd Hawks.

Corinth: Brethren Marvin Styers and Walter Peterson.

Mills Chapel: Brethren Johnnie Hardy, Jeff Hardy, L. W. Jones and Elder Rom Kerley.

Oak Grove: Brethren J. H. Gaddy, Jesse Tarlton, and Lester Adams.

Herrins Grove: Brethren J. L. Lewis, Jimie R. Herrin, D. M. Harkey, and J. R. Almond.

Jerusalem: Brethren Floyd Thomas, Fred Baucom, C. B. Thomas, and Bennie Thomas.

New Hope: Brother M. C. Campbelle.

3. Called for petitionary letters: none presented.

4. The Moderator was authorized to appoint Committees on preaching and finance. Appointed as follows: Preaching: Elder C. M. Mills, Elder Brice Haigler, Brethren Rankin Richardson, Orlin Stewart, H. V. Corbitt, C. C. Willard, and L A. King. Finance: Elder Joe C. Helms Elder D. B. Willard, Brethren L. E. Outen, Graydon Helms, Ellis Honeycutt, T. E. Ragen, and David Dix.

5. Called for presbyteries to report: In response to a call from Jerusalem Church for ordained help, the following formed a presbytery April 10, 1965 and ordained Brethren Fred Baucom, and Floyd Thomas to the office of deacon.

Elders A. E. Broadway, C. M. Mills, D. B. Willard, Joe C. Helms, and H. D. Fulmer Deacons C. B. Thomas, Bill Curlee, W. B. Simpson, Melvin Mills, Thomas Broadway, Brown Biggers, C. W. Griffin, L. E. Outen, Roy Hardy, Buford Hinson, Bill Fincher, Carl Haigler, Graydon Helms, Orlin Stewart, and Oren Baucom.

In response to a call from Mills Chapel Church for ordained help, the following formed a presbytery June 11, 1965, and ordained Brother Rom Kerly to the full work of the ministry. Elders D. B. Willard, V. V. Willard, C. M. Mills, E. H. Simpson, H. L. Poplin, Joe C. Helms, Brice C. Haigler, A. E. Broadway, P. H. Young, and G. F. Watson.

Deacons Roy Hardy, Buren Williams, Charlie Vanhoy, C. C. Willard, Fred Eudy, W. B. Simpson, Earl Pressley, Claude Parnell, Athel Smith, Hubert Willard, F. C. Willard, Bill Fincher, C. C. Furr, Bill Curlee, L. E. Outen, Leonard Baucom Oren Baucom, Orlin Stewart, Graydon Helms, Buford Hinson, V. H. Solomon, Brady Polk, Jack Moyle, John Almond, C. B. Thomas, Fred Baucom, Floyd Thomas, C. W. Griffin, and Sam Hartley.

6. Invited all visiting brethren from corresponding Associations to seats with us. Welcomed the following:

Silver Creek: Elder Orvin Huffman, Elder Gene Watson, Elder W. E. Snyder, Brother Sam Hartley and others.

Little River of North Carolina: Correspondence with this Association was tabled due to the conflict existing in their locality. It was unanimously agreed that we seat visitors representing individual churches of that section. It is our humble prayer that these brethren will soon get their differences settled in a Godly manner.

Original Towaliga: Elder J. A. Monsees and Elder E. D. Speir.

Little River of Georgia: Elder W. S. Kelley, Elder M. M. Morton, Elder R. E. Cagle, and Brother Keller Rampler.

Friendship of Georgia: Elder H. D. Fulmer, Brother T. K. Ewing and wife, Sisters Lola Morton, Beulah Corbitt, Thigpen, Hardy, and Summerlin.

Tennessee-Nolachucky: Elder Harold Tipton.

Powells Valley: Elder John Robbins Elder Kenneth Robbins and wife, Elder Edward Harrell, and Sister Harold (Cassa) Tipton.

Mt. Zion of Alabama: Elder E. B. Watts and wife, Elder Guy Hunt and wife, Brother J. L. Hopper and wife, and Bro. Lee Ryan.

7. Invited visiting brethren from Associations and churches with whom we do not carry formal correspondence to seats with us. Welcomed the following:

Oconee Association: Brother Gordon Tyner and wife.

New River Association: Elder Alvin Puckett and wife, Elder O. A. Harris and Brother Miles Harris.

South Arkansas Association: Elder Hartsel Cayce, Brother J. B. Hensarling and wife.

Mississippi River Association: Elder Wiley Sammons and wife, Brother Clyde Owens and wife.

Upper Canoochee Association: Elder V. H. Hooks and wife, Elder Hardwick Lanier and wife.

Ketocton Association: Brother Charles Ellicott Sr., Charles Ellicott, Jr., Sisters Frances Ellicott and Estelle Ray.

Ebenezer Association of Virginia: Elder Charles Alderton and Sister Sue Alderton.

Senter Association: Elder Dewey Roten.

Prince William Association: Elder C. J. Deloach.

Angier Church: Brethren Leon Harper, Joe Collins, Sister Bertha Collins.

Salem Church: Brother J. W. Boykin.

Smithfield Church: Brother C. D. Hamilton, Elder J. S. Stephenson, Brother R. D. Woodard and wife.

Little Flock Church: Brother J. B. Pope.

Gift Church: Bros. Z. M. Stephenson and Lester Williams.

Rehobeth Church: Elder Durl McGee.

Pine Church: Brother C. E. Gallimore and others.

Claiborne Street Church, Danville: Brother J. S. Lawrence and wife, Brother C. E. Bray and wife, Brother Harvey Lunsford and wife, Brother French, Sisters Bernice Hardy, Avery Lewis, and others.

Martinsville Church: Brother N. L. Wilson and wife, Brother Andrew Ashby and wife, Sisters Daisy Slaughter, Josie Pace, and others.

North View Church: Elder Coy Mabe and many others.

Mars Hill Church, Ga.: Brother E. H. Pagan.

8. Appoint messengers to visit corresponding Associations as follows:

Silver Creek: (Mountain Home Church) Elder E. H. Simpson, Elder P. H. Young, Brethren Oren Baucom and Carl Haigler.

Original Towaliga: (Utoy Church) Elder C. M. Mills, Brother L. E. Outen.

Little River of Georgia: (Little Union Church) Elder A. E. Broadway, Brother T. B. Curlee.

Friendship of Georgia: (Friendship Church) Elder Brice C. Haigler.

Tennessee-Nolachucky: Elder D. B. Willard, Brother Newell Helms.

Powells Valley: (Rose Hill Church) Elder E. H. Simpson, Elder Joe Helms, Brother Graydon Helms.

Mt. Zion of Alabama: (New Clear Creek Church) Elder C. M. Mills, Elder Joe Helms and Elder Rom Kerly.

9. Unanimously agreed to continue correspondence with all associations with whom we now correspond with the exception of the Little River Association of North Carolina. (For explanation, see item 6.)

10. Elder D. B. Willard was unanimously appointed to write the corresponding letter to be printed in the Minutes of this session of the Association.

11. Unanimously agreed to adjourn until Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

Benediction by Elder H. D. Fulmer, Forest Park, Ga.

SATURDAY, September 18, 1965.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment in the house at 9 o'clock a. m. After engaging in songs of praise, and prayer by Elder A. E. Broadway, the Association continued with business as follows:

12. Called for report from the Finance Committee: reported as follows:

Received from the churches	$1023.00	
Received from friends	154.00	$1177.00

13. Unanimously agreed to distribute Minutes as usual.

14. Called for Corresponding Letter which was read and accepted.

15. Extended invitation for churches of the Association to request fifth Sunday meetings. Unanimously granted as follows:

October, 1965—Bethel.

January, 1966—Mountain Creek.

May, 1966—New Hope.

July, 1966—Park View.

16. Unanimously agreed to hold the 1966 session of the Association with the Meadow Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Stanley County, N. C., beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September, and that the pastor of Meadow Creek Church deliver the Introductory Sermon.

17. Unanimously agreed to have 1400 copies of this Minute printed and distributed to the churches and Associations as usual, and that Brother Oren Baucom superintend the printing and distribution, and that he be allowed $175.00 for printing, mailing, and Clerk's service.

18. Unanimously agreed to distribute all funds above that allowed in item 17 to the ministers present as usual.

19. It was unanimously agreed by standing vote that we return thanks to God for His mercy, and to all the members and friends of High Point Church and community for help in every way during this meeting, and all others who have contributed to our welfare and comfort. May God's rich love and mercy overshadow you all is our humble prayer.

20. Unanimously agreed to adjourn to time and place designated in item 16, after reading of the Minute.

Benediction by Elder Joe C. Helms.

ELDER V. V. WILLARD, Moderator
BROTHER H. M. WILLARD, Clerk
BROTHER OREN N. BAUCOM, Ass't. Clerk

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received from the churches	$1023.00	
Received from friends	154.00	$1177.00
Disbursements:		
Printing, mailing, and Clerk's services	175.00	
Distributed to ministers	1002.00	$1177.00

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:
Elder V. V. Willard, 1 John 1.

Friday Afternoon:
Elder Durl McGee, failed to get text.
Elder Dewey Roten, failed to get text.
Elder Charles Alderton, failed to get text.

Friday Night (High Point Church):
Elder J. A. Monsees, Ezek. 48:35.
Elder Hardwick Lanier, Ezek. 16.
Elder W. S. Kelly, 1 John 3.

Friday Night (Park View Church):
Elder Alvin Puckett, Luke 22:67.
Elder Hartsel Cayce, Matt. 22:42.
Elder Guy Hunt, Rom. 11:33.

Saturday Morning:
Elder H. D. Fulmer, Acts 2:41.
Elder John Robbins, Isa. 43.
Elder E. D. Speir, 2 Tim. 3:15.
Elder Edward Cagle, 1 Cor. 15:1-3.

Saturday Afternoon:
Elder E. B. Watts, 1 John 5:7, 8.
Elder Guy Hunt, Rom. 5:20, 21.
Elder Harold Tipton, no special text.

Saturday Night (High Point Church):
Elder V. H. Hooks, Heb.
Elder J. S. Stephenson, Rom. 10:11.

Saturday Night (Park View Church):
Elder Orvin Huffman, Rom. 8.
Elder Edward Harrell, Isa. 40:1-6.
Elder Ralph Harris, no special text.

Sunday Morning:
Elder M. M. Morton, Col. 1:13, 14.
Elder Hartsel Cayce, John 14:21.
Elder Wiley Sammons, Col. 1:17-19; Col. 2:6-9.

Sunday Afternoon:
Elder Ralph Harris, Eph. 1:4 and Eph. 2:1.
Elder Kenneth Robbins, "Farewell in the Lord till we meet again."

HOME MINISTERS

Elder A. E. Broadway, Rt. 7, Monroe, N. C.
Elder C. M. Mills, 3130 Central Ave., Charlotte, N. C. 28205
Elder V. V. Willard, Rt. 2, High Point, N. C.
Elder E. H. Simpson, Rt. 4, Concord, N. C.
Elder D. B. Willard, Rt. 6, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Elder Brice C. Haigler, Rt. 3, Box 305B, Monroe, N. C.
Elder H. L. Poplin, Route 2, Albemarles, N. C.
Elder Joe C. Helms, Peachland, N. C.
Elder P. H. Young, Rt. 1, Box 304, Linwood, N. C. 27299.
Elder Rom Kerly, 903 Alma Ave., Kannapolis, N. C.
Licentiate F. C. Willard, 2437 Marble St., Winston-Salem, N. C.
Licentiate Harlan J. Price, Rt. 2, Monroe, N. C.
Licentiate F. W. Stack, Jr., Rt. 3, Monroe, N. C.

VISITING MINISTERS

Elder Alvin Puckett, Rt. 2, Box 98, Meadows of Dan Va.
Elder Edward Cagle, Rt. 1, Roswell, Ga.
Elder H. D. Fulmer, 1304 Cypress Dr., Forest Park, Ga.
Elder M. M. Morton, 305 Ridgecrest Dr., Lawrenceville, Ga.
Elder E. B. Watts, Rt. 1, Horton, Ala.
Elder Guy Hunt, Rt. 2, Holly Pond, Ala.
Elder Wiley Sammons, Collierville, Tenn.
Elder Hartsel Cayce, Thornton, Ark.
Elder John Robbins, 4425 Ellen St., Knoxville, Tenn. 37920
Elder Harold Tipton, 3908 Valley View Rd., Knoxville, Tenn.
Elder Gene F. Watson, Rt. 4, Lenoir, N. C.
Elder W. E. Snyder, 44 W. Devonshire St. Winston Salem, N.C.
Elder V. H. Hooks, Lexsy, Ga.
Elder Hardwick Lanier, Metter, Ga.
Elder J. A. Monsees, Box 35, Ellenwood, Ga.
Elder E. D. Speir, 4370 Depot St. Conley, Ga.
Elder W. S. Kelly, Rt. 2, Alpharetta, Ga.
Elder O. A. Harris, Rt. 4, Stuart, Va.
Elder O. J. Huffman, Box 1179, Ashville, N. C. 28802.
Elder Kenneth Robbins, Calvin, Ky.
Elder A. D. McGee, Rt. 1, Angier, N. C.
Elder Charles Alderton, Brightwood, Va.
Elder Edward Harnell, Rt. 3, Corryton, Tenn.
Elder J. S. Stephenson, Benson, N. C.
Elder Coy Mabe, Danbury, N. C.
Elder Ralph Harris, Dothan, Ala.
Elder Dewey Roten, Fleetwood, N. C.
Elder C. J. Deloach, 7261 Patricia Dr., Columbia, S. C.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To the messengers, and churches of the Original Bear Creek Association, and churches with whom we correspond, Christian greetings:

This beautiful morning as we are blessed to see the large number of ministers and brethren gathered together, our hearts are filled to overflowing.

I am made to feel as the writer of old when he said "What am I, that a dead dog as I, am permitted to eat at the king's table."

We are thankful that the lambs and sheep have been blessed to eat this gospel manna, and have grown in grace and the knowledge of the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We are thankful that the ministers of this Association have labored to keep the spirit in bonds of peace. If they be called at the hour of midnight, there is not a one who would refuse to go.

We are also thankful for the divine love that these churches have shown to the servants, who have labored among them. Who held up their hands when they felt so poor and weak. Not only have they stood by them, but have not forgot their dear companions who have fulfilled their duties as ministers' wives.

Continue to visit us in the coming year. May we all be grateful to our blessed Lord that we may never become wise above that which is written, and be satisfied with the church as she was set up many years ago, in that large upper room, furnished.

May heaven's rich blessings continue to be with the people, which have afforded us a sweet spiritual home for the past twenty-five years.

In bonds of Christian love,

—Elder D. B. Willard

IN MEMORIAM

Again the shadows have fallen, and the voices or some of our precious loved ones hushed. May we find comfort in the blessed assurance that our dear Savior will return some day to gather up His jewels and fashion their bodies in His own glorious image, to forever live with Him in perfect union of body, soul, and spirit, in that celestial city prepared for the beloved of God.

Crooked Creek: Sister Lorraine Huntley

Union: Brother Lester Barnhill

Bethel: Brethren James P. Lee, George Suggs, Charlie Brown

Lawyer's Spring: Brother Charlie Thomas

Mountain Creek: Brother Bill Nance

Union Grove: Sisters Nancy Belle Rowell, Beadie T. Little, Rena T. Baucom, Martha Ellen Taylor, and Brother Jeff H. Taylor

Pleasant Grove: Sisters Blanche Griffin and Mary Mills

High Hill: Brother N. W. Wiliams

High Point: Brother Canay Moran, Jr.

CLERK'S NOTE

Once more our heavenly Father has blessed us with the out-pouring of His grace, and we have enjoyed another sweet meeting.

The next session will be held with Meadow Creek Church, located near the town of Locust, N. C., on Meadow Creek Church Road, about one half mile west of Route 200 and about 3 miles north of Route 27. Locust, N. C. is on N. C. highway 27, approximately 26 miles east of Charlotte.

RULES GOVERNING THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1. We understand that at whatever Church this Association is being held, it is under the authority of the Hostess Church, as any other regular or monthly conference meeting, in which the Church invites the Ministers and Messengers of the sister churches to seats, and take part with them.

2. The officers of that Church shall be the officers of the Association, provided the Pastor is a member of the Association, and if not, the Church shall elect any member of the Association to preside as Moderator. The Church may request the help of any member of another sister Church to assist in the business transactions of the Association.

3. This Association shall have no authority to pass upon any question of a disciplinary nature except it has been passed upon by the local churches compossing this Association; then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the Association.

4. Any member who endeavors to bring in or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship, before it has been passed upon by the local churches, shall be considered out of order by the church with which the Association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5. The Association shall be conducted for the purpose of associating together in song, prayer, and preaching service. The Finance Committee shall disburse the funds on hand, as the Association shall so direct. The Body may receive corresponding messengers and visitors from sister associations, and may appoint messengers and visitors to keep up a correspondence with sister associations. No other business shall be transacted by the Association, except that which is necessary to set forth the status of each Church composing this Association in the form of a minute.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, grace and glory, and in relative union with the Divine Word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Article 3. We believe that the scripture of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written, revealed word of God and the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's Church in her militant state while here on earth.

Article 4. We believe in the doctrine of election; that God chose His Church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Article 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Article 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Article 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and His righteousness only.

Article 9. We believe that God's elect or Church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Article 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Article 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment, and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the Supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men. We believe in feet washing as taught by our Savior in St. John 13:4-17.

Article 12. We believe that no man, as a minister, has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

Article 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

Article 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

CHURCHES, MEETING TIME, MINISTERS

Union Grove: 2nd Sunday A. M., Saturday Night ..... Pastor
4th Sunday Night ..... Minister by invitation
Mountain Creek: 3rd Sunday A. M., Saturday Night ..... Pastor
Lawyers Spring: 1st Sunday A. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor
3rd Sunday A. M. ..... Elder Joe C. Helms
High Point: 4th Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
2nd Sunday night ..... Pastor
Meadow Creek: 1st Sunday A. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor
Watson: 4th Sunday A. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor
3rd Sunday night ..... Elder Brice C. Haigler
Pleasant Hill: 3rd Sunday A. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor
4th Sunday night ..... Pastor
High Hill: 1st Sunday P. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
3rd Sunday A. M. ..... Elder Brice Haigler, Ass't Pastor
Park View: 3rd Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
1st Sunday night ..... Pastor
Liberty Hill: 1st Sunday P. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
Pleasant Grove: 2nd Sunday P. M., Saturday P M. ..... Pastor
Bethel: 2nd Sunday A. M., Sat. P. M. and Night ..... Pastor
4th Sun. a. m. Elder H. L. Poplin, Ass't Pastor
Union: 1st Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
3rd Sunday P. M. ..... Pastor
Corinth: 3rd Sunday A. M. ..... Pastor
1st Sunday P. M. ..... Pastor
Mills Chapel: 2nd Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
4th Sunday A. M. ..... Elder Rom Kerly
Oak Grove: 2nd Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
4th Sunday P. M. ..... Pastor
Herrins Grove: 4th Sunday P. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
Crooked Creek: 4th Sunday A. M., Sat. P. M. ..... Pastor
Jerusalem: 2nd Sunday A. M., Sat. P. M. ..... Pastor
New Hope: 4th Sunday A. M., Saturday Night ..... Pastor
2nd Sunday A. M. ..... Pastor

On Communion Sunday preaching time at 10:30 at all churches.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	Communion Sun.	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Relation	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Contribution
Meadow Creek	Eld. C. M. Mills ..	Fred Eudy, Rt. 1, Box 109, Mt. Pleasant, N.C.	1 June	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	75	$ 75.00
Watson	Eld. E.H. Simpson	T. L. Simpson 3432 Craig Ave. Charlotte, N.C.	4 May	....	....	....	....	2	1	....	38	40.00
Pleasant Hill	Eld. V.V. Willard	G. L. Auman, Rt. 1, Star, N. C.	3 June	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	40	55.00
High Hill	Eld. V.V. Willard	Larry Austin, Rt. 3, Monroe, N. C.	1 Sept.	8	....	2	1	....	....	1	81	50.00
Park View	Eld. D.B. Willard	Claude Parnell, 4244 Glen Hi Rd. W. Salem ..	3 May	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	47	50.00
Liberty Hill	Eld. C. M. Mills ..	Reece Eury, Rt. 1, Oakboro, N. C.	1 July	3	....	....	....	1	1	....	104	70.00
Pleasant Grove ..	Eld. C. M. Mills ..	T. B. Curlee, Rt. 3, Marshville, N. C.	2 July	....	....	....	....	2	....	2	60	60.00
Union Grove	Eld. C. M. Mills ..	Oren Baucom, 4133 Seaforth, Charlotte, N. C.	2 Aug.	17	....	....	1	1	1	5	182	129.00
Mountain Creek ..	Eld. C. M. Mills ..	A. C. Medlin, Rt. 2, Albemarle, N. C.	3 July	....	....	....	....	1	....	1	65	65.00
Lawyers Spring ..	Eld. V.V. Willard	Tommy Horne, Peachland, N. C.	1 Aug.	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	91	45.00
Crooked Creek ..	Eld. A. Broadway	John A. Hinson, Rt. 2, Monroe, N. C.	4 July	....	....	....	....	....	2	1	37	40.00
High Point	Eld. V.V. Willard	H. M. Willard, Rt. 5, Winston Salem, N. C. ..	4 May,Aug	2	....	....	1	....	1	1	148	125.00
Bethel	Eld. E.H. Simpson	M. D. Anderson, Shalotte, N. C.	2 June	2	....	....	1	5	2	3	71	35.00
Union	Eld. E.H. Simpson	V. H. Solomon, Rt. 2, Gastonia, N. C.	1 May	1	1	2	....	....	....	1	44	40.00
Corinth	Eld. E.H. Simpson	Walter Peterson, 5700 Parkdale Circle, Kings Mountain, N. C.	3 May	1	....	....	1	....	1	....	14	10.00
Mills Chapel	Eld. D.B. Willard	Warren Griffin, 309 Caldwell, Kannapolis N.C.	2 June	3	....	2	....	....	....	....	58	50.00
Oak Grove	Eld. H. L. Poplin	Mrs. Gertrude Griggs, Rt. 1, Chesterfield S. C.	2 May	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	14	9.00
Herrins Grove	Eld. C. M. Mills ..	J. L. Lewis, Rt. 1, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	4 June	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	25	25.00
Jerusalem	Eld. A. Broadway	C. B. Thomas, Rt. 3, Matthews, N. C.	2 Aug.	4	....	....	....	....	....	....	16	40.00
New Hope	Eld. Joe C. Helms	W. W. Davis, Rt. 2, Hopkins, S. C.	4 Aug.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	10	10.00
		Totals		45	1	7	5	12	9	16	.....	1023 00

Total membership 1220
Handed in by friends $154.00
Total Contributions $1177.00

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Minutes

OF THE

One Hundred Thirty- Fourth

Annual Session

OF THE

Original Bear Creek

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Meadow Creek Church

STANLEY COUNTY, LOCUST, N. C.

SEPTEMBER 16, 17, 18,

1966

Next session convenes with Watson Primitive Baptist Church, located in Union County, North Carolina, Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1967.

OFFICERS

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Proceedings

OF THE 134th ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The Association met with Meadow Creek Church, Stanley County, North Carolina, Friday, September 16, 1966, and continued through Sunday following.

Brethren, sisters and friends assembled in the house at 10 o'clock a. m., and engaged in songs of praise to our heavenly Father. Then Elder W. O. Hunt of the Mount Zion Association of Alabama led in prayer, after which Elder C. M. Mills, pastor of Meadow Creek Church, delivered the Introductory discourse, using as his text, Matthew 16:13-19.

After an hour for refreshments, and greeting old and new kindred in Christ, the Association convened in the house. There was a short song service after which Elder E. D. Speir Sr. of the Original Towaliga Association led in prayer, and the Association proceeded with business as follows: Elder C. M. Mills, pastor of Meadow Creek Church served as Moderator, Brother Fred P. Eudy, Clerk of Meadow Creek Church served as Clerk, and called Brother Oren N. Baucom as Assistant Clerk.

1. Extended invitation to all orderly Primitive Baptists who are in good standing with their home churches to seats with us.

2. Called for letters of representation from sister churches of the Association which were handed in, read, and their status noted:

Meadow Creek: Represented by entire membership.

High Point: Brethren T. E. Ragen, Clyde Payne, D. C. Myers, and C. H. Willard.

Watson: Brethren Douglas Williams, Fulton Helms, Brady Baucom, and T. L. Simpson.

Pleasant Hill: Brethren Houston Cox, Robert Coppels, Reid Hunt, and Johnnie Woodell.

High Hill: Brethren Robert Pressley, Johnnie Edwards, Edward Pressley, and Larry Austin.

Park View: Brethren Harding Boyles, Vernon Lantin, Paul

Tucker, and John Clark.

Liberty Hill: Brethren Bill Fincher, Reece Eury, Ellis Honeycutt, and Shuford Furr.

Pleasant Grove: Brethren Bundy Williams, Carl Griffin, James Mills, and Efird Horne.

Union Grove: Brethren Clyde Honeycutt, Charlie Howard, Carl Haigler, and Leonard Baucom.

Mountain Creek: Brethren A. C. Medlin, J. L. Eury, Charlie Vanhoy, and Frank Medlin.

Lawyers Springs: Brethren Wilson Greene, Orlin Stewart, Bob Edwards, and Elder Joe C. Helms.

Crooked Creek: Brethren Lloyd Braswell, Bernard Simpson, Charles Broadway, and Junior Rushing.

Bethel: Brethren A. D. McLamb, W. M. Benton, R. J. Sommersett, and L. B. Thompkins.

Union: Brethren V. H. Solomon, Guy Johnson, L. B. Polk, and Bobby Harstin.

Corinth: Brethren Marvin Styers and Walter Peterson.

Mills Chapel: Brethren John Efird, Buck Fullem, Roy Hardy, and Elder Rom Kerly.

Oak Grove: Brethren J. H. Gaddy, Jessie Tarlton, and Lester Adams.

Herrins Grove: Brethren J. L. Lewis, D. M. Harkey, J. M. Moyle, and Claude Herrin.

Jerusalem: Brethren Floyd Thomas, Lee Edwards, Bennie Thomas, and Fred Baucom.

New Hope: Brother M. C. Campbell and other members present.

3. Called for petitionary letters: None handed in.

4. The Moderator was authorized to appoint Committees on preaching and finance: Appointed as follows: Preaching: Brethren H. V. Corbitt, Ervin Hatley, Elder Brice Haigler, Brethren Rankin Richardson and Bill Fincher. On Finance: Brethren Fred Eudy, Gradon Helms, Clifton Willard, L. E. Outen, and Charlie Vanhoy.

5. Called for presbytery report: In response to a call for ordained help from Bethel Church, the following formed a presbytery October 30, 1965 and ordained Brethren Carl Stev-

ens and R. J. Somersett to the office of deacon. Elders E. H. Simpson, H. L. Poplin, A. E. Broadway, Joe C. Helms, G. F. Watson, and E. B. Watts. Deacons Floyd Hawks, C. C. Willard, Gradon Helms, Orlin Stewart, C. W. Griffin, Roy Hardy, Burin Williams, Ervin Hatley, Oren Baucom, Carl Haigler, T. B. Curlee, C. B. Thomas, W. B. Simpson, C. C. Furr, A. D. McLamb, and N. D. Anderson.

In response to a call for ordained help from High Hill Church, the following formed a presbytery June 3, 1966 and ordained Brethren Johnnie Edwards and Larry Austin to the office of deacon: Elders V. V. Willard, Brice C. Haigler, C. M. Mills, A. E. Broadway, D. B. Willard, Joe C. Helms, and Rom Kerly. Deacons: Earl Pressley, Doc Helms, Howard Edwards, Bunyon Whitley, Lloyd Outen, Leonard Baucom, Sanford Medlin, Carl Haigler, Oren Baucom, Fred Baucom, Floyd Thomas, C. B. Thomas, Buford Hinson, Brown Biggers, Thomas Broadway, C. C. Willard, T. E. Ragen, Andy King, Claude Parnell, Athel Smith, Gradon Helms, Orlin Stewart, Bill Curlee, Roy Hardy, Ervin Hatley, and Fred Eudy.

6. Invited all visiting brethren and sisters from corresponding associations to seats with us. Welcomed the following:

Silver Creek Association: Elder G. F. Watson, Brethren Carl McGee, Howard Coffey, and Sam Hartley.

Little River Association of N. C.: Unanimously agreed to seat visitors from the individual churches of that locality and welcomed the following: Angier Church: Elder J. S. Collins; Smithfield Church: Brethren D. R. Clifton & C. D. Hamilton; Rehobeth Church: Elders J. S. Stephenson and Derle McGee.

Original Towaliga Association: Elder E. D. Speir, Elder Earl Myers and wife.

Little River of Georgia: Elder M. M. Morton and wife, and Elder W. S. Kelley and son.

Friendship Association of Georgia: Elder H. D. Fulmer, Sisters Beulah Corbitt, Jessie Thigpen, and Charlotte Hardy.

Tennessee-Nolachucky Association: File of Minutes.

Powells Valley Association: Elders Harold Hunt, John Robbins, Kenneth Robbins, Brethren Floyd Melton, and Charlie Greene.

Mt. Zion of Alabama: Elders E. B. Watts and W. O. Hunt.

South Arkansas Association: File of Minutes.

7. Invited visiting brethren and sisters from associations and churches with whom we do not carry formal correspondence, who are in good standing with their home churches to seats with us. Welcomed the following:

New River Association: Elder Alvin Puckett and wife.

Ketocton Association: Elders W. G. Fletcher and T. E. Majors.

Ebenezer Association of Georgia: Elder Robert Sanders and Brother Wilbur Mullis.

Oconee Association: Brother Gordon Tyner and wife.

Highland Association, Ky.: Elder Elas Randall.

Echoconnee Association: Sisters Annie W. Richards and Louise W. Grose.

Harmony Association, Ga.: Sister Arliffa D. Powell.

Southern California Association: Brother Cecil Anderson and wife, and Brother Roger Anderson.

Martinsville Church, Va.: Brother Noel Wilson and wife, Brother Andrew Ashby and wife.

Claiborne St. Church, Danville, Va.: Brother John Lawrence and wife, Brother H. F. Barrows and wife, Sisters Mattie Shelton, Harvey Lunsford, Bernice Handy, and Ida Hall.

Salem Church, Richmond Va: Eld. Hollie Redmon & wife.

Spoon Creek Church, Va.: Elder J. D. Hopkins and wife, Elder L. J. Corns and Brother R. C. Plaster.

Pine Grove Church, Va.: Elder Cecil Hill and Elder Ray Rotenizer.

Community Church, Va.: Elder R. W. Turner.

Pine Church: Brother C. E. Gallimore.

8. Appointed messengers to visit corresponding Associations as follows:

Silver Creek: (Hollow Springs Church): Elders P. H. Young and H. L. Poplin, Brethren Carl Haigler, Roy Hardy, and Oren Baucom.

Original Towaliga (Ozias Church): Elders Joe Helms and Rom Kerley.

Little River of Ga.: (Boiling Springs): Elder E. H. Simpson

and Lic. F. W. Stack, Jr.

Friendship of Ga. (Camp Creek): Elders V. V. Willard and P. H. Young.

Tennessee-Nolachucky: Eld. Joe Helms and Brother Gradon Helms.

Powells Valley (Knoxville Church): Elders Brice Haigler, V. V. Willard, Brethren Carl Haigler and Oren Baucom.

Mt. Zion of Ala. (Mt. Vernon): Elder D. B. Willard and Brother Vernon Lantin.

South Arkansas Association: File of Minutes.

9. Unanimously agreed to continue correspondence with all associations with whom we now correspond with the exception of the Little River Association of N. C. (See Item 6).

10. Lic. F. W. Stack Jr. was unanimously appointed to write the Corresponding Letter by move, second, and vote, to be approved at our Saturday session.

11. Unanimously agreed to adjourn until Saturday morning at 9 o'clock by move, second and vote.

Benediction by Elder Kenneth Robbins.

SATURDAY, September 17, 1966.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment in the house at 9 o'clock a. m. After engaging in songs of praise, Elder Joe C. Helms led in prayer, and the Association continued with business as follows:

12. Called for the report from the Finance Committee: Reported as follows:

Received from churches of the Association ..	$1059.00
Received from friends	45.00
Total	$1104.00

13. Unanimously agreed to distribute Minutes from corresponding Associations as usual.

14. Called for Corresponding Letter, which was read and approved by move, second and vote.

15. Extended invitation for churches of the Association to request Fifth Sunday meetings and granted the following:

October, 1966—Union Church, McAdenville, N. C.

January, 1967—Lawyers Spring Church, Peachland, N. C.

April, 1967—Mills Chapel Church, Kannapolis, N. C.

July, 1967—Pleasant Hill Church, Seagrove, N. C.

16. Unanimously agreed to hold the 1967 session of the Association with the Watson Primitive Baptist Church, Union County, North Carolina, beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1967, and that the pastor of Watson Church deliver the Introductory Sermon, by move, second, and vote.

17. Unanimously agreed by move, second and vote to have 1400 copies of this Minute printed and distributed to the churches and associations as usual, and that Brother Oren Baucom superintend same, and that he be allowed $175.00 for printing, mailing, and Clerk's service.

18. Unanimously agreed to distribute all funds above that allowed in item to the ministers present as usual.

19. It was unanimously agreed by standing vote that we return thanks to God for His mercy, and to all the members and friends of Meadow Creek Church and community for help in every way during this meeting, and all others who have contributel to our welfare and comfort. We also wish to thank Mr. Roy Honeycutt for the lumber loaned to us, Locust Hardware for the loan of the concrete blocks, and the boys who assisted with the parking. May God continue to shower His blessings down upon you all.

20. Unanimously agreed to adjourn to time and place designated in item 16, after reading the Minute.

ELDER C. M. MILLS, Moderator
BROTHER FRED P. EUDY, Clerk
BROTHER OREN N. BAUCOM Ass't. Clerk

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received from the churches	$1059.00	
Received from friends	45.00	$1104.00
Disbursements:		
Printing, mailing, and Clerk's services	175.00	
Distributed to ministers	929.00	$1104.00

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:

Elder C. M. Mills, Matt. 16:13-19

Friday Afternoon:

Elder T. E. Majors, Kings 18:40
Elder Robert Sanders, John 19:28-30

Friday Night (Meadow Creek Church):

Elder J. D. Hopkins, John 15:16
Elder Hollie Redmon, 1 John 1:1
Elder L. J. Corn, Isa. 7:23-25

Saturday Morning:

Elder Harold Hunt, Heb. 2:11, 12
Elder H. D. Fulmer, Matt. 1:18; Heb. 1:3
Elder E. D. Speir, Sr., Phil. 1.
Elder Kenneth Robbins, 1 Cor. 15:1

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder A. D. McGee, Eph. 1:1
Elder W. G. Fletcher, 2 Tim. 2:1-9
Elder John Robbins, Isa. 28:9

Saturday Night (Meadow Creek Church):

Elder Elas Randall, Psa. 51
Elder Earl Myers, Jer. 32:38-40
Elder Gene Watson, Job 1:1

Saturday Night (High Hill Church):

Elder Alvin Puckett, Rev. 21:1
Elder E. B. Watts, 1 Cor. 15:58

Saturday Night (Lawyers Spring Church):

Elder W. S. Kelly, Eph. 1:11
Elder W. O. Hunt, John 17:4

Sunday Morning:

Elder W. O. Hunt, Prov. 25:25-28
Elder M. M. Morton, Isa. 9:6; Rev. 1:5
Elder E. B. Watts, Psa. 89:33-35

Sunday Afternoon:

Elder J. S. Stephenson, Isa. 63:1
Elder V. V. Willard, no special text.

HOME MINISTERS

Elder C. M. Mills, 3130 Central Ave. Charlotte, N. C. 28205
Elder V. V. Willard, Rt. 2, High Point, N. C. 27260
Elder E. H. Simpson, Rt. 4, Concord, N. C. 28025
Elder D. B. Willard, Rt. 6, Winston Salem, N. C. 27107
Elder H. L. Poplin, Rt. 2, Albemarle, N. C. 28001
Elder Brice Haigler, Rt. 3, Box 305B, Monroe, N. C. 28110
Elder Joe C. Helms, Peachland, N. C. 28133
Elder P. H. Young, Rt. 1, Box 304, Linwood, N. C. 27299
Elder A. E. Broadway, Rt. 7, Monroe, N. C. 28110
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Licentiate Harlan Price, Rt. 2, Monroe, N. C. 28110
Licentiate F. W. Stack, Jr. Rt. 3, Monroe, N. C. 28110
Licentiate W. M. Benton, Rt. 1, Box 140A, Leland, N. C. 28451
Licentiate Ervin Hatley, Rt. 2, Stanfield, N. C. 28163

VISITING MINISTERS

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Elder E. D. Speir, Sr. 4370 Depot St. Conley, Ga. 30027
Elder E. B. Watts, P. O. Box 425, Douglas, Ala.
Elder Hollie Redmon, Star Route, Front Royal, Va.
Elder W. O. Hunt, Rt. 2, Holly Pond, Ala.
Elder Kenneth Robbins, Calvin, Ky.
Elder H. D. Fulmer, Rt. 1, Panola Road, Ellenwood, Ga. 30049.
Elder T. E. Majors, 207 Cloud St. Front Royal, Va.
Elder M. M. Morton, 305 Ridgecrest Rd., Lawrencevile, Ga.
Elder R. W. Turner, Virginia
Elder Robert Sanders, Rt. 3, Dublin, Ga.
Elder L. J. Corns, P. O. Box 63, Patrick Springs, Va.
Elder Ray Rotenizer, Rt. 4, Hillsville, Va. 24343
Elder Cecil Hill, Cana, Va.
Elder Harold Hunt, 2516 Hart St., Maryville, Tenn.
Elder Derle McGee, Rt. 1, Angier, N. C.
Elder John Robbins, 4425 Ellen St., Knoxville, Tenn.
Elder Alvin Puckett, Rt. 2, Box 98, Meadows of Dan, Va.
Elder J. S. Collins, Rt. 1, Angier, N. C.
Elder J. D. Hopkins, 415 Edgewood Dr. Danville, Va.
Elder Earl Myers, Rt. 2, Smyrna, Ga.
Elder Elas Randall, 767 Hanson St. Madisonville, Ky.
Elder W. S. Kelly, Rt. 2, Alpharetta, Ga.
Elder G. F. Watson, Rt. 4, Lenoir, N. C. 28645
Elder J. S. Stephenson, Benson, N. C.
Elder C. J. Deloach, 7261 Patricia Dr., Columbia, S. C.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To the Churches of the Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association and all corresponding Associations:

I thank God for the presence of you all, knowing that it is by His grace and mercy that we are able to assemble ourselves together to sing praise and preach the gospel, and to worship our God in spirit and in truth.

My heart goes out to the household of faith, who is not ashamed of the truth that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, in as much as He has opened the windows of heaven to pour out His blessings upon us.

We pray that God will be with us in this associational meeting, and that our labors will not be in vain, but profitable, that more of God's children may see and understand that the truth is in Christ and turn from the vain and perishable things of this world to serve a true and living God.

We thank God for men who have been faithful with the things which God has committed into their hands, to keep this way of life.

To all corresponding Churches and brethren: We appreciate your presence, and may God grant you grace to keep you in the good old way, is our prayer. Pray for us. We invite you to come again. May God give us all strength to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. We love the sweet fellowship of you all and would that more of God's children could have fellowship with us, for we believe that our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ, for we do not fail to declare unto them the things which were from the beginning.

We are thankful for the old church, which is a shining light in a land of darkness. May it continue to shine, that more and more of God's children may see this light and come to the light.

May God bless you all.

Licentiate F. W. Stack, Jr.

IN MEMORIAM

We pause in solemn tribute to our dear ones who have fallen asleep in sweet Jesus since our last associational meeting. We, the members of the churches of the Original Bear Creek Association join with the bereaved families in their grief. May you find comfort in the blessed promise that He will never forsake His own.

High Point: Brother Charlie Burton

Lawyers Spring: Deacon W. A. Drye, Brother Blane Sanders

Union Grove: Brethren Wriston Pressley, and Lloyd Baucom Sister Virgie Trull

Liberty Hill: Deacon John Harwood and Brother Sam Tucker

Pleasant Grove: Deacon C. W. Griffin, Brother Ben Polk, Sister Carrie Elizabeth Stegall

High Hill: Deacon S. H. Edwards, Brother Henry F. Austin, Sister Beatrice Helms Andrews

Watson: Sister Annie Simpson Deese

Meadow Creek: Sister Ida Belle Smith

CLERK'S NOTE

The next session will, the Lord willing, be held with Watson Church, located approximately ten miles north-northeast of Monroe, North Carolina, on the New Salem Road (County Road No. 1627). From Monroe, north on N. C. 200 approximately five miles to county road 1627, then east approximately five miles. All orderly, peace loving Primitive Baptists are welcome to be with us at that time.

CHURCHES, MEETING TIME, MINISTERS

Union Grove: 2nd Sunday A. M., Saturday Night ..... Pastor
4th Sunday Night ..... Minister by invitation
Mountain Creek: 3rd Sunday A. M., Saturday Night ..... Pastor
Lawyers Spring: 1st Sunday A. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor
3rd Sunday A. M. ..... Elder Joe C. Helms
High Point: 4th Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
2nd Sunday night ..... Pastor
Meadow Creek: 1st Sunday A. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor
Watson: 4th Sunday A. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor
3rd Sunday night ..... Elder A. E. Broadway
Pleasant Hill: 3rd Sunday A. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor
4th Sunday night ..... Pastor
High Hill: 1st Sunday P. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
3rd Sunday A. M. ..... Elder Brice Haigler, Ass't Pastor
Park View: 3rd Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
1st Sunday night ..... Pastor
Liberty Hill: 1st Sunday P. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
Pleasant Grove: 2nd Sunday P. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor
Bethel: 2nd Sunday a. m., Sat. p. m., and night Elder E. H. Simpson
4th Sun a. m. Sat. night ..... Elder H. L. Poplin
Union: 1st Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
3rd Sunday P. M. ..... Pastor
Corinth: 3rd Sunday A. M. ..... Pastor
1st Sunday P. M. ..... Pastor
Mills Chapel: 2nd Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
4th Sunday A. M. ..... Elder Rom Kerly
Oak Grove: 2nd Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
4th Sunday a. m. ..... Lic. F. W. Stack Jr.
Herring Grove: 4th Sunday P. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
Crooked Creek: 4th Sunday A. M., Sat. P. M. ..... Pastor
2nd Sun. night ..... Minister by invitation
Jerusalem: 2nd Sunday A. M., Sat. P. M. ..... Pastor
New Hope: 4th Sunday A. M., Saturday Night ..... Pastor
2nd Sunday A. M. ..... Pastor
On Communion Sunday preaching time at 10:30 at all churches.

RULES GOVERNING THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1. We understand that at whatever Church this Association is being held, it is under the authority of the Hostess Church, as any other regular or monthly conference meeting, in which the Church invites the Ministers and Messengers of the sister churches to seats, and take part with them.

2. The officers of that Church shall be the officers of the Association, provided the Pastor is a member of the Association, and if not, the Church shall elect any member of the Association to preside as Moderator. The Church may request the help of any member of another sister Church to assist in the business transactions of the Association.

3. This Association shall have no authority to pass upon any question of a disciplinary nature except it has been passed upon by the local churches compossing this Association; then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the Association.

4. Any member who endeavors to bring in or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship, before it has been passed upon by the local churches, shall be considered out of order by the church with which the Association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5. The Association shall be conducted for the purpose of associating together in song, prayer, and preaching service. The Finance Committee shall disburse the funds on hand, as the Association shall so direct. The Body may receive corresponding messengers and visitors from sister associations, and may appoint messengers and visitors to keep up a correspondence with sister associations. No other business shall be transacted by the Association, except that which is necessary to set forth the status of each Church composing this Association in the form of a minute.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, grace and glory, and in relative union with the Divine Word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Article 3. We believe that the scripture of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written, revealed word of God and the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's Church in her militant state while here on earth.

Article 4. We believe in the doctrine of election; that God chose His Church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Article 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Article 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Article 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and His righteousness only.

Article 9. We believe that God's elect or Church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Article 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Article 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment, and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the Supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men. We believe in feet washing as taught by our Savior in St. John 13:4-17.

Article 12. We believe that no man, as a minister, has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

Article 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

Article 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	Sunday & Month of Communion	By Exp. & Bap.	Rec'd by Relation	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Contribution
Watson	Eld. D. B. Willard	T. L. Simpson, 3432 Craig, Charlotte, N.C. 28211	4 May	6	....	....	....	3	10	1	30	$ 35.00
Pleasant Hill	Eld. V. V. Willard	G. L. Auman R. 1, Start, N. C. 27356	3 June	6	....	....	....	....	....	1	45	55.00
High Hill	Eld. V. V. Willard	Larry Austin, Rt. 3, Monroe, N. C. 28110	1 Sept.	2	....	....	1	1	....	3	80	60.00
Park View	Eld. D. B. Willard	Claude Parnell, 4244 Glen Hi Rd. W. S. N.C 27107	3 May	3	5	....	....	....	....	....	55	55.00
Liberty Hill	Eld. C. M. Mills	Reece Eury, Rt. 1, Oakboro, N. C. 28129	1 July	....	....	1	....	....	1	2	101	61.00
Pleasant Grove	Eld. C. M. Mills	T. B. Curlee, Rt. 2, Marshville, N. C. 28103	2 July	2	....	....	....	....	....	3	59	71.00
Union Grove	Eld. C. M. Mills	O. N. Baucom, 4133 Seaforth, Charlotte, N.C. 28205	2 Aug.	8	....	....	1	....	....	3	188	150.00
Mountain Creek	Eld. C. M. Mills	A. C. Medlin, Rt. 2, Albemarle, N. C. 28001	3 July	....	....	....	....	1	1	....	63	70.00
Lawyers Spring	Eld. V. V. Willard	Tommy Horne, Peachland, N. C. 28133	1 Aug.	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	89	62.00
Crooked Creek	Eld. A. Broadway	John Hinson, Rt. 2, Monroe, N. C. 28110	4 July	....	....	1	....	....	....	....	38	40.00
High Point	Eld. V. V. Willard	H. M. Willard, Rt. 5, W. Salem, N. C. 27107	4 May & Aug.	8	....	....	....	....	1	1	156	100.00
Meadow Creek	Eld. C. M. Mills	F. P. Eudy, Rt. 1, Bx. 109, Mt. Pleasant, N.C 28124	1 June	3	....	....	....	1	1	1	75	80.00
Bethel	Elds. H. L. Poplin & E. H. Simpson	M. D. Anderson, Shallotte, N. C. 28459	2 June	8	....	....	1	....	....	....	80	35.00
Union	Eld. E.H. Simpson	V. H. Solomon, Rt. 2, Gastonia, N. C.	1 May	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	43	40.00
Corinth	Eld. E.H. Simpson	W. Peterson, 5700 Parkdale Cir. Kings Mtn. N. C.	3 May	1	....	....	....	....	3	1	13	10.00
Mills Chapel	Eld. D. B. Willard	Warren Griffin, 309 Caldwell, Kannapolis, N.C 28081	2 June	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	60	50.00
Oak Grove	Eld. H. L. Poplin	Gertrude Griggs, Rt. 1, Chesterfield, S. C.	2 May	....	....	....	....	2	1	....	11	10.00
Herrins Grove	Eld. C. M. Mills	J. L. Lewis, Rt. 1, Mt. Pleasant, N. C. 28124	4 June	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	25	25.00
Jerusalem	Eld. A. Broadway	C. B. Thomas, Rt. 4, Bx. 122, Matthews, N.C. 28105	2 Aug.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	16	40.00
New Hope	Eld. Joe C. Helms	W. W. Davis, Rt. 2, Hopkins, S. C. 29061	4 Aug.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	10	10.00
		Totals		49	5	2	3	8	19	18	*	1059.00

*Total membership 1237

Handed in by friends ..... $ 45.00

Total contributions $1104.00

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Minutes

OF THE

One Hundred Thirty-Fifth

Annual Session

OF THE

Original

Bear Creek

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Watson Church

UNION COUNTY, MONROE, N. C.

SEPTEMBER 15, 16, 17,

1967

Next session convenes with Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist Church, located in Randolph County, North Carolina, Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1968.

OFFICERS

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Proceedings

OF THE 135TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The Association met with Watson Primitive Baptist Church, Union County, North Carolina, Friday, September 15, 1967 and continued through Sunday following.

Brethren, sisters, and friends assembled in the house at 10:00 o'clock and engaged in a service of singing hymns of praise to our heavenly Father. Then Elder H. D. Fulmer from the Friendship Association of Georgia, was called upon to lead us in prayer to almighty God, after which Elder D. B. Willard, pastor of Watson Church delivered the Introductory sermon, using as his text, Matt. 3:1-10.

After an enjoyable lunch hour, and striking glad hands of fellowship with both old and new friends, the Association convened in the house. There was a short song service after which Elder W. G. Fletcher from the Ketocton Association led in prayer, and the Association proceeded with business as follows: Elder D. B. Willard, pastor of Watson Church, served as Moderator, Brother T. L. Simpson, Clerk of Watson Church served as Clerk, and called Brother Oren Baucom as Assistant Clerk.

1. Extended invitation to all orderly Primitive Baptists who are in good standing with their home churches to seats with us.

2. Called for letters of representation from sister churches of the Association which were handed in, read, and their status noted:

Watson: Represented by entire membership.

Pleasant Hill: Brethren Elzie Auman, Robert Copples, Rankin Richardson, and Larry Hunt.

High Hill: Brethren Edward Pressley, Johnnie Edwards, Earl Crook, and Carl Edwards.

Park View: Brethren Glen Cole, Harding Boyles, Athel Smith, and Vernon Lauton.

Liberty Hill: Brethren Craven Furr, Bill Fincher, Vernon Medlin, and Shuford Furr.

Pleasant Grove: Brethren T. B. Curlee, Brice Stegall, A. E. Broome, and Glen Mullis.

Union Grove: Brethren Kenneth Baucom, Newell Helms, Dwight Griffin, and Barry Helms.

Mountain Creek: Brethren Lane Vanhoy, Lonnie Eury, Artis Medlin, and Leroy Plowman.

Lawyer's Spring: Elder Joe C. Helms, Brethren Gradon Helms, Paul High, and Walter Hasty.

Crooked Creek: Brethren Thomas Broadway, Don Simpson, Buford Hinson, and John Hinson.

High Point: Brethren R. A. Strickland, D. G. Dix, Emory Nelson, and A. G. Allen.

Meadow Creek: Brethren Ray Eudy, Ervin Hatley, H. V. Corbitt, and Claude Hathcock.

Bethel: Brethren Charles Milikin, Carlos Benton, Douglas McLamb, and Charles Gore.

Union: Brethren T. B. Polk, Bobby Hartstin, V. H. Solomon, and Lee Robinson.

Corinth: Brethren Marvin Styers, and Walter Peterson.

Mills Chapel: Brethren Howard Little, Burin Williams, John Efrd, and Jeff Hardy.

Oak Grove: Brethren J. A. Gaddy, Jesse Tarlton, and Lester Adams.

Herrins Grove: Brethren J. L. Lewis, J. R. Almond, D. M. Harkey, and Barry Harkey.

Jerusalem: Brethren C. B. Thomas, Floyd Thomas, Fred Baucom, and J. W. Helms.

New Hope: Letter and members present.

3. Called for petitionary letters: None presented.

4. The Moderator was authorized to appoint committees on preaching and finance. Appointed as follows: Preaching: Elder C. M. Mills, Elder A. E. Broadway, Brethren Wilburn Mullis, Carl Haigler, and Athel Smith. Finance: Elder V. V. Willard, Brethren David Helms, Roy Hardy, W. B. Curlee, and Larry Austin.

5. Called for presbytery report: In response to a call for ordained help from Bethel Church, the following formed a presbytery October 7, 1966 and ordained Brother William Marsdon Benton to the full work of the gospel ministry. Elders

E. H. Simpson, H. L. Poplin, C. M. Mills, Joe C. Helms, Brice C. Haigler, Rom Kerley, and R. W. Turner. Deacons M. D. Anderson, A. D. McLamb, J. R. Mintz, Carl Stevens, R. J. Sommersett, Earl Pressley, Ervin Hatley, M. C. Campbell, Melvin Mills, Gradon Helms, Burin Williams, T. B. Polk, W. S. Medlin, L. E. Outen, Carl Haigler, Oren Baucom, and Orlin Stewart.

In response to a call for ordained help from Lawyer's Spring Church, the following formed a presbytery August 4, 1967 and ordained Brethren Truby High and Wilson Green to the office of deacon. Elders V. V. Willard, Joe C. Helms, C. M. Mills, H. L. Poplin, Brice C. Haigler, and Rom Kerley. Deacons Orlin Stewart, Max Stewart, Gradon Helms, Brown Biggers, Lloyd Outen, Thomas Broadway, Crawford Thomas, Melvin Mills, Ervin Hatley, T. E. Ragen, C. C. Willard, T. B. Curlee, Carl Haigler, Leonard Baucom, W. S. Medlin, Fred Baucom, Floyd Thomas, Buford Hinson, A. E. Broome, Howard Edwards, Johnnie Edwards, Roy Hardy, Burin Williams, Bill Fincher, Elzie Auman, Rankin Richardson, and Oren Baucom.

In response to a call for ordained help from Union Grove Church, the following formed a presbytery August 11, 1967 and ordained Brother Floyd W. Stack, Jr. to the full work of the gospel ministry. Elders C. M. Mills, V. V. Willard, D. B. Willard, Joe C. Helms, Brice C. Haigler, H. L. Poplin, Rom Kerley, W. M. Benton, and A. E. Broadway. Deacons W. S. Medlin, L. E. Outen, Carl Haigler, Leonard Baucom, Oren Baucom, Brady Polk, F. C. Willard, Wilson Green, T. B. Curlee, Fred Eudy, Ervin Hatley, Melvin Mills, Fred Baucom, Floyd Thomas, Claude Parnell, Roy Hardy, Thomas Broadway, Brown Biggers, Larry Austin, Orlin Stewart, Octavis Helms, Johnnie Edwards, Burin Williams, Earl Pressley, Craven Furr, Bill Fincher, C. C. Willard, David Dix, T. E. Ragen, H. V. Corbitt, Gradon Helms, Howard Edward, and Buford Hinson.

In response to a call for ordained help from Watson Church, the following formed a presbytery August 25, 1967 and ordained Brethren David Helms and Wilburn Mullis to the office of deacon. Elders D. B. Willard, C. M. Mills, V. V. Willard,

Brice C. Haigler, A. E. Broadway, and F. W. Stack, Jr. Deacons Ervin Hatley, Leonard Baucom, Earl Pressley, Roy Hardy, Howard Edwards, Lloyd Outen, Brown Biggers, Wilson Greene, Burin Williams, A. E. Broome, Carl Haigler, Fred Baucom, Floyd Thomas, Larry Austn, C. C. Willard, Johnnie Edwards, Buford Hinson, Bill Curlee, Orlin Stewart, Fred Eudy, H. V. Corbitt, Crawford Thomas, T. E. Ragen, Claude Parnell, David Dix, Gradon Helms, Thomas Broadway, and Oren Baucom.

6. Invited all visiting brethren and sisters from corresponding associations to seat with us. Welcomed the following:

Silver Creek: Elder G. F. Watson and Brother Carl McGee.

Original Little River of N. C.: It was unanimously agreed by move, second ,and vote that we resume correspondence with this Association now referred to as "The Original Little River Association of North Carolina," and welcomed the following: Elders Derl McGee, and J. S. Stephenson, Licentiate D. R. Clifton, Brother Seba Clifton and wife, Brother Freddie Giles and wife, Brother C. D. Hamilton, Brother Worth Stephenson and wife, Sisters Texie Honeycutt, Bonnie Williford, Lula West, Dovie Kernes, and Gladys Carroll.

Original Towaliga: Elder Roy Speir, Elder Earl Myers and wife.

Little River of Ga.: Elder W. F. Cagle, Elder M. M. Morton and wife, Brother Ray Wagner, Sister Shirley Wagner, and Sister Debbie Blackwell.

Friendship of Ga.: Elder H. D. Fulmer, Brother Clifford Cook and wife, and Sister Beulah Corbitt.

Tennessee-Nolachucky: Minutes.

Powells Valley: Elder Kenneth Robbins, Brother Dewey Hembry and wife, Brethren Ray Wells, Charlie Greene, Roger Price, and Sister Verda Miracle.

Mt. Zion of Ala.: Elder E. B. Watts.

South Arkansas: Minutes.

7. Invited visiting brethren and sisters from associations and churches wth whom we do not carry formal correspondence, who are in good standing with their home churches to seats with us. Welcomed the following:

Ketocton Association: Elder W. G. Fletcher.

Big Sandy Association: Elder A. C. Pruett, Brother James Holliday and wife, and Sister Gladys Brantley.

Echeconnee Association: Elder W. H. Hancock and wife, Sisters Mable Ball, Eva Williamson, Louise Gross, and Annie Richards.

Martinsvile Church: Brother Andrew Ashby and wife.

Claiborne Street Church (Danville): Brother Harvey Lunsford and wife, Brother H. F. Barrow and wife, Brother J. F. Lawrence and wife, Sisters Ozella Noblett, Mattie Shelton and Ida Hall.

Spoon Creek Church: Elder L. J. Corn.

Phoenix Church (Arizona): Elder H. J. Donohue and wife.

Blue Ridge Church: Elder A. J. Hylton.

Pine Church: Brother C. E. Gallimore.

8. Apponted messengers to visit corresponding associations as follows:

Silver Creek: It was unanimously agreed that our brethren visit this Association when they have an opportunity, but that we appoint no special messengers.

Original Little River of N. C.: Elders D. B. Willard and P. H. Young.

Original Towaliga: (Bersheba) Elders Rom Kerley and Brice Haigler.

Little River of Ga.: (Shoal Creek) Elders Brice Haigler and F. W. Stack, and Brother Roy Hardy.

Friendship of Ga.: (Bethany) Brethren Newell Helms, Oren Baucom, and Carl Haigler and Elder V. V. Willard.

Tennessee-Nolachucky: Elders C. M. Mills, and F. W. Stack, Brethren Oren Baucom, Carl Haigler and Howard Edwards.

Powells Valley: (Ely Dale) Elder Joe C. Helms, Brethren Joe Baucom, Gradon Helms, and Edward Pressley.

Mt. Zion of Ala.: (Rocky Mount) Elders C. M. Mills and Brice Haigler.

South Arkansas: Minutes.

9. Unanimously agreed to continue correspondence with all associations with whom we now correspond: (See Item 6 re-

garding the Little River Association of N. C.)

10. Elder Brice C. Haigler was unanimously appointed to write the corresponding letter by move, second, and vote, to be approved at our Saturday session.

11. Unanimously agreed to adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock, by move, second, and vote.

Benediction by Elder A. C. Pruett.

SATURDAY—September 16, 1967

The Association met pursuant to adjournment in the New Salem Elementary School Auditorium at 9:00 o'clock a. m. After engaging in songs of praise, Elder A. J. Hylton, Blue Ridge Primitive Baptists Church, Willis, Va., led in prayer, and the Association continued with business as follows:

12. Called for the report from the Finance Committee: Reported the following:

Received from churches of the Association .	$1,083.00	
Received from friends	99.00	
Total		1,182.00

13. Unanimously agreed to disiribute Minutes from corresponding Associations as usual.

14. Called for Corresponding Letter, which was read and approved to be printed in the minutes, by move, second, and unanimous vote.

15. Extended invitation for the churches of the Association to request fifth Sunday meetings, and unanimously granted the following:

October, 1967—Union Grove, Union County, N. C.

December, 1967—High Point, High Point, N. C.

March, 1968—Liberty Hill, Stanley County, N. C.

June, 1968—Mountain Creek, Stanley County, N. C.

16. Unanimously agreed to hold the 1968 session of the Original Bear Creek Association with Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Randolph County, North Carolina, beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1968, and that the pastor of Pleasant Hill Church deliver the Introductory Sermon, by move, second, and vote.

17. Unanimously agreed by move, second, and vote to have 1400 copies of this Minutes printed and distributed to the churches and assocations as usual, and that Brother Oren Baucom superintend same, and that he be allowed $175.00 for printing, mailing, and Clerk's services.

18. Unanimously agreed to distribute all funds above that allowed in Item 17 to the ministers present, and any other associational expenses which the Finance committee may deem proper.

19. It was unanimously agreed by standing vote that we return thanks to God for His mercy, and to all the members and friends of Watson Church and community for help in every way during this meeting. Also to the New Salem Elementary School and Mr. Ray Morgan, principal, for the use of the buildings and facilities. We also thank the Boy Scouts of the community for their assistance in the parking and other deeds of kindness. May God in His tender love and grace richly bless you all.

20. Unanimously agreed to adjourn to time and place designated in Item 16, after reading the Minute. Benediction by Elder Brice C. Haigler.

ELDER D. B. WILLARD, Moderator
BROTHER T. L. SIMPSON, Clerk
BRO. OREN BAUCOM, Ass't Clerk

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received from the churches	$1,083.00	
Received from friends	99.00	$1,182.00
Disbursements:		
Printing, mailing, and Clerk's services	$ 175.00	
Distributed to ministers	963.00	
Other association expenses	44.00	$1,182.00

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:

Elder D. B. Willard, Matt. 3:1-10

Friday Afternoon:

Elder L. J. Corns, Romans 5:1-2

Friday Night:

Elder Earl Myers, Micah 4:5-7
Elder Kenneth Robbins, John 14:1-6

Saturday Morning:

Elder Derle McGee, Eph. 2:1-10
Elder H. D. Fulmer, Matt. 5:17
Elder H. J. Donahue, Isaiah 32:1-2

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder Roy Spier, Psa. 8:1
Elder W. G. Fletcher, Psa. 46:4
Elder Kenneth Robbins, John 1:1-2

Saturday Night (Watson):

Elder A. C. Pruett, John 3:16
Elder W. M. Benton, Isaiah 9:6

Saturday Night (Liberty Hill):

Elder W. H. Hancock, John 2:1-10
Elder W. F. Cagle, Gen. 1:16

Saturday Night (High Hill):

Elder E. B. Watts, Gen. 1:2
Lic. D. R. Clifton, Luke 12:31

Sunday Morning:

Elder A. C. Pruett, Isaiah 40:10
Elder E. B. Watts, John 10:28
Elder W. H. Hancock, John 17:1

Sunday Afternoon:

Elder M. M. Morton, Isaiah 9:6
Elder J. S. Stephenson, Isaiah 40:1

HOME MINISTERS

Elder D. B. Willard, Rt. 6, Winston Salem, N. C. 27107
Elder H. L. Poplin, Rt. 2, Albemarle, N. C. 28001
Elder C. M. Mills, 3130 Central Ave. Charlotte, N. C. 28205
Elder V. V. Willard, Rt. 2, High Point, N. C. 27260
Elder E. H. Simpson, Rt. 4, Concord, N. C. 28025
Elder Brice Haigler, Rt. 3, Box 305B, Monroe, N. C. 28110
Elder Joe C. Helms, Peachland, N. C. 28133
Elder P. H. Young, Rt. 1, Box 304, Linwood, N. C. 27299
Elder A. E. Broadway, Rt. 7, Monroe, N. C. 28110
Elder Rom Kerley, 903 Alma Ave., Kannapolis, N. C. 28081
Elder Floyd W. Stack, Jr., Box 713, Monroe, N. C. 28110
Elder W. M. Benton, Rt. 1, Box 140, Leland, N. C. 28451

Licentiate F. C. Willard, 2437 Marble St. Winston Salem, N. C. 27107
Licentiate Ervin Hatley, Rt. 2, Stanfield, N. C. 28163
Licentiate Newell Helms, Rt. 2, Monroe, N. C. 28110
Licentiate Charles L. Smith, 402 West St., Monroe, N. C. 28110

VISITING MINISTERS

Elder G. F. Watson, Route 4, Lenoir, N. C. 28645
Elder J. S. Stephenson, Benson, N. C.
Elder Derle McGee, Route 1, Angier, N. C.
Elder W. F. Cagle, Rt. 3, Alphretta, Ga. 30201
Elder M. M. Morton, 305 Ridgecrest Rd., Lawrenceville, Ga.
Elder H. D. Fulmer, 3481 Panola Road, Ellenwood, Ga. 30049
Elder Kenneth Robbins, Calvin, Ky.
Elder E. B. Watts, Box 425, Douglas, Ala.
Elder Roy Spier, 3437 Hogan Road, SW, Atlanta, Ga. 30331
Elder Earl Myers, Rt. 2, Smyrna, Ga.
Elder L. J. Corns, P. O. Box 63, Patrick Springs, Va.
Elder A. C. Pruett, Route 2, Sardis, Tenn.
Elder H. J. Donahue, 2029 North 39th Ave., Phoenix, Ariz. 85009
Elder A. J. Hylton, Willis, Va.
Elder W. G. Fletcher, Rt. 2, Strasburg, Va. 22657
Elder W. H. Hancock, 3879 Tela Place, Macon, Ga. 31206
Licentiate D. R. Clifton, Smithfield, N. C.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

Dear Brethren and Sisters composing the Original Bear Creek Association:

It has been through the kind and providential hand of God that we are permitted to come together in an assembly of this kind. I hope and pray that we are sincerely thankful.

Through the past year we have had some disappointments and bereavements, but these have been offset by many joys and seeing little ones coming home to the church, which is the ground and pillar of truth. Surely God has left a resting place for the pilgrims and strangers here in the world, and a beacon to help guide us through life's rugged journey.

We are thankful for our ministers who have been, and are still laboring patiently for the welfare of Zion. We pray this love and closeness for the dear old church will continue.

The corresponding brothers and sisters are greatly appreciated. We welcome them and pray God will bless them, and they will have a desire to come and be with us again.

God's grace and mercy has been with us through the past years. I hope and pray that we won't take these for granted, but will be more diligent toward His kingdom, and put forth more effort in earnestly contending for the faith once delivered to the saints.

Submitted in Christian love,

—Elder Brice C. Haigler

IN MEMORIAM

It is with saddness in our heart that we record the passing of loved ones since our last associational meeting. The Association joins with the bereaved families in their grief. Our loss is much, but great is their gain.

Herrins Grove: Sister Cora Page Blackwelder,
Brother Riley Blackwelder

Lawyers Spring: Brother Sandy Caudle
Sister Virgie Simpson
Brother Henry Horne

Union Grove: Brother Lonnie P. Baucom,
Sister Flora Benton Clontz

Pleasant Grove: Sister Atha Mills Huggins
Sister Rena Scott Mullis

High Point: Sister Vera Payne
Sister Armetta Joyce
Sister Myrtle Strickland
Brother Caney Moran
Brother Jesse Mabe
Brother Lemuel Morefield
Brother T. F. Vestal

Mountain Creek: Sister Lillie Honeycutt Vanhoy

Watson: Deacon Fulton Helms

Liberty Hill: Brother Roy Branch

Bethel: Sister Lydia McLamb

Meadow Creek: Sister Mollie Mills
Sister Lectie Blackwelder
Sister Ada Eudy
Brother Burton Vanhoy

Oak Grove: Brother Teal

CLERK'S NOTE

The next session will, the Lord willing, be held with Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Randolph County, North Carolina, located about two miles west of N. C. highway 220, approximately eight miles south-east of Ashboro, and approximately two miles northwest of Seagrove, North Carolina. All orderly, peace-loving Primitive Baptists are cordially invited to be with us at that time.

CHURCHES, MEETING TIME, MINISTERS

Union Grove: 2nd Sunday A. M., Saturday Night ..... Pastor
4th Sunday Night ..... Minister by invitation
Mountain Creek: 3rd Sunday A. M., Saturday Night ..... Pastor
Lawyers Spring: 1st Sunday A. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor
3rd Sunday A. M. ..... Elder Joe C. Helms
High Point: 4th Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
2nd Sunday a. m., 3rd Sun. night ..... Pastor
Meadow Creek: 1st Sunday A. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor
Watson: 4th Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
3rd Sunday night ..... Elder A. E. Broadway
Pleasant Hill: 3rd Sunday A. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor
4th Sunday night
High Hill: 1st Sunday P. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
3rd Sunday A. M. ..... Elder Brice Haigler, Ass't Pastor
Park View: 3rd Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
1st Sunday night ..... Pastor
Liberty Hill: 1st Sunday P. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
Pleasant Grove: 2nd Sunday P. M., Saturday P. M. ..... Pastor
Bethel: 2nd Sunday a. m., Sat. night Elder W. M. Benton. 4th Sun. a.m. Saturday night Elds. E. H. Simpson, H. L. Poplin, alterating.
Union: 1st Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
3rd Sunday P. M.
Corinth: 3rd Sunday A. M. ..... Pastor
1st Sunday P. M. ..... Pastor
Mills Chapel: 2nd Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
4th Sunday A. M. ..... Elder Rom Kerly
Oak Grove: 2nd Sunday A. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
4th Sun. a. m. ..... Elder F. W. Stack, Jr.
Herrins Grove: 4th Sunday P. M., Saturday night ..... Pastor
Crooked Creek: 4th Sunday A. M., Sat. P. M. ..... Pastor
2nd Sun. night ..... Minister by invitation
Jerusalem: 2nd Sunday A. M., Sat. P. M. ..... Pastor
New Hope: 4th Sunday A. M., Saturday Night ..... Pastor
2nd Sunday A. M. ..... Pastor
On Communion Sunday preaching time at 10:30 at all churches.

RULES GOVERNING THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1. We understand that at whatever Church this Association is being held, it is under the authority of the Hostess Church, as any other regular or monthly conference meeting, in which the Church invites the Ministers and Messengers of the sister churches to seats, and take part with them.

2. The officers of that Church shall be the officers of the Association, provided the Pastor is a member of the Association, and if not, the Church shall elect any member of the Association to preside as Moderator. The Church may request the help of any member of another sister Church to assist in the business transactions of the Association.

3. This Association shall have no authority to pass upon any question of a disciplinary nature except it has been passed upon by the local churches compossing this Association; then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the Association.

4. Any member who endeavors to bring in or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship, before it has been passed upon by the local churches, shall be considered out of order by the church with which the Association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5. The Association shall be conducted for the purpose of associating together in song, prayer, and preaching service. The Finance Committee shall disburse the funds on hand, as the Association shall so direct. The Body may receive corresponding messengers and visitors from sister associations, and may appoint messengers and visitors to keep up a correspondence with sister associations. No other business shall be transacted by the Association, except that which is necessary to set forth the status of each Church composing this Association in the form of a minute.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, grace and glory, and in relative union with the Divine Word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Article 3. We believe that the scripture of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written, revealed word of God and the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's Church in her militant state while here on earth.

Article 4. We believe in the doctrine of election; that God chose His Church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Article 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Article 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Article 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and His righteousness only.

Article 9. We believe that God's elect or Church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Article 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Article 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment, and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the Supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men. We believe in feet washing as taught by our Savior in St. John 13:4-17.

Article 12. We believe that no man, as a minister, has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

Article 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

Article 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	Communion Mo.	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Relation	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Contribution
Pleasant Hill	Eld. V.V. Willard	G. L. Auman, Rt. 1, Star, N. C. 27356	3 June	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	45	$55.00
High Hill	Eld. V.V. Willard	Larry Austin, Rt. 3, Monroe, N. C., 28110	1 Sept.	3	....	....	1	....	....	....	84	60.00
Park View	Eld. D.B. Willard	Claude Parnell, 4244 Glen Hi Rd., Winston-S., N.C. 27107	3 May	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	53	50.00
Liberty Hill	Eld. C. M. Mills	Reece Eury, Rt. 1, Oakboro, N. C. 28129	1 July	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	100	68.00
Pleasant Grove	Eld. C. M. Mills	T. B. Curlee, Rt. 3, Marshville, N. C. 28103	2 July	2	....	....	....	....	....	2	59	70.00
Union Grove	Eld. C. M. Mills	Oren Baucom, 4133 Heaforth Dr., Charlotte, N. C. 28205	2 Aug	6	....	....	....	....	....	2	192	150.00
Mountain Creek	Eld. C. M. Mills	A. C. Medlin, Rt. 2, Albemarle, N. C. 28001	3 July	3	....	1	....	....	....	1	66	80.00
Lawyers Spring	Eld. V.V. Willard	Tommy Horne, Peachland, N. C. 28133	1 Aug.	2	....	....	....	....	....	3	88	59.00
Crooked Creek	Eld. A. Broadway	John Hinson, Rt. 2, Monroe, N. C. 28110	4 July	10	....	....	....	....	2	....	46	40.00
High Point	Eld. V.V. Willard	H. M. Willard, Rt. 5, Winston-Salem, N. C. 27107	4 May & Aug.	2	....	1	....	....	2	7	150	120.00
Meadow Creek	Eld. C. M. Mills	Fred P. Eudy, Rt. 1, Box 109, Mt. Pleasant, N. C. 28124	1 June	4	....	....	....	1	1	4	73	75.00
Watson	Eld. D.B. Willard	T. L. Simpson, 3432 Craig Ave., Charlotte, N. C. 28211	4 May	4	....	....	....	....	....	1	33	51.00
Bethel	Elds. H. L. Poplin & E. H. Simpson	M. D. Anderson, Shallotte, N. C. 28459	4 June	5	....	5	....	....	3	1	86	35.00
Union	Eld. E.H. Simpson	V. H. Solomon, Rt. 2, Box 302, Gastonia, N. C. 28052	1 May	5	....	....	....	....	1	....	47	30.00
Corinth	Eld. E.H. Simpson	W. Peterson, 5700 Parksdale Cir., Kings Mtn., N. C. 28086	3 May	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	12	10.00
Mills Chapel	Eld. D.B. Willard	Warren Griffin, 309 Caldwell St., Kannapolis, N. C. 28081	2 June	4	....	1	....	....	....	....	65	50.00
Oak Grove	Eld. H. L. Poplin	Mrs. Gertrude Griggs, Rt. 1, Chesterfield, S. C. 29709	4 May	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	10	5.00
Herrins Grove	Eld. C. M. Mills	J. L. Lewis, Rt. 1, Mt. Pleasant, N. C. 28124	4 June	2	....	....	....	....	....	2	25	25.00
Jerusalem	Eld. A. Broadway	C. B. Thomas, Rt. 4. Box 122, Matthews, N. C. 28105	2 Aug.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	16	40.00
New Hope	Eld. Joe C. Helms	W. W. Davis, Rt. 2, Hopkins, S. C. 29061	4 Aug.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	10	10.00
		Totals		55	....	8	1	3	9	25	1260	$1083.00
				Contributed by friends								$ 99.00
				Total contributions								$1182.00

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MINUTES

OF THE

One Hundred Forty-First

Annual Session

OF THE

Original
Bear Creek
Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

UNION GROVE CHURCH

UNION COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

September 14, 15, 16

1973

Next session convenes with Mountain Creek Church, located 6 miles northwest of Albemarle, N. C., in the Palistine Community.

OFFICERS

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KENNETH R AUSTIN, Asst. Clerk
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LOCATION OF CHURCHES

BETHEL: 13 miles south of Shalotte, N.C., 2 miles off of Highway 17.

CORINTH: South Sims Street, Kings Mountain, N. C. 3 blocks off Highway 74.

CROOKED CREEK: Just off Highway 218, 4 miles east of Highway 601, approximately 10 miles north of Monroe, N. C.

HERRINS GROVE: 4 miles southeast of Mt. Pleasant, N. C. 2 miles south of Highway 73, on road 2610.

HIGH HILL: Just off Highway 601 north in the suburbs of Monroe, N. C., 1 mile north of Highway 74.

HIGH POINT: Rock Springs Road, 1½ blocks off Highway 70-A, High Point, N. C.

JERUSALEM: 12 miles north of Wadesboro, N. C., east of Highway 218, in the Olive Branch community.

LAWYER'S SPRING: Just south of Highway 74 at the underpass in Peachland, N. C.

LIBERTY HILL: 10 miles west of Albemarle, N. C. on Highway 27 near Red Cross.

MEADOW CREEK: On Meadow Creek Road, between Highway 27 west and 200 north near Locust, N. C.

MILL'S CHAPEL: On China Grove Road, just off Lane Street, between I-85 and Highway 601-29 in Kannapolis, N. C.

MOUNTAIN CREEK: 6 miles northwest of Albemarle, N. C. in the Palistine community.

NEW HOPE: 9 miles east of Columbia, S. C., just off Highway 262 on Leesburg Road.

OAK GROVE: 9 miles south of Wadesboro, N. C., just off Highway 742.

PARK VIEW: On Hugh Street, just off Sprague Street (Highway 150) near Highway 311 in Winston-Salem, N. C.

PLEASANT GROVE: 3½ miles north of Marshville, N. C. approximately 1 mile west of Highway 205 on road 1632.

PLEASANT HILL: Approximately 4 miles northwest of Seagrove, N. C., south of Asheboro, N. C.

UNION: McAdenville, N. C. Springwood section, 1 block off Mt. Holly-McAdenville Road, ½ mile north of I-85.

UNION GROVE: On Highway 200 north, approximately 3 miles from Highway 74 north of Monroe, N. C.

WATSON: Approximately 10 miles east-northeast of Monroe on road 1627 (New Salem Road) approximately 6 miles east of Highway 200 north.

Proceedings

Of The 141st Annual Session of the Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association

The Association met with Union Grove Church, Union County, North Carolina, at 10:30 A.M. and engaged in song service, after which Elder George McNure from the Original Upper Canoochee Association of Georgia led in prayer and Elder C. M. Mills delivered the Introductory Sermon from the 14th Chapter of Romans.

After an hour for lunch and fellowship, the association opened with prayer by Elder A. E. Broadway and convened for business: Elder C. M. Mills, pastor of the hostess church served as Moderator, Brother Oren Baucom, Church Clerk served as Clerk, and called Brother Kenneth Austin, Assistant Clerk of Union Grove Church to assist him.

1—Extended invitation to all orderly Primitive Baptist who are in good standing with their home churches to seats with us.

2—Called for the letters of representation from sister churches of the association which were read by Elder Joe Helms and Elder D. B. Willard, and their status noted.

UNION GROVE: Represented by entire membership.

MOUNTAIN CREEK: Brethren Joe Robinson, Lane Vanhoy, Ernest Vanhoy, and Phylas Hinson.

LAWYER'S SPRING: Elder Joe Helms, Brethren Paul High, Truby High, and Baxter Arrington.

CROOKED CREEK: Brethren Lloyd Braswell, Brown Biggers, Bernard Simpson, and Buford Hinson.

HIGH POINT: Elder Roy Spier, Brethren Colon Auman, Raymond Clark, and Clyde Payne.

MEADOW CREEK: Brethren Hubert Almond, Ray Eudy, Verlon Corbitt, and William Allmon.

WATSON: Brethren Titus Tarlton, Bobby Helms, Douglas Williams, and Marvin Simpson.

PLEASANT HILL: Brethren Elzie Auman, Robert Copples, Reid Hunt, and Houston Cox.

HIGH HILL: Brethren Howard Edwards, Edward Pressley, Earl Crooke, and John Moore.

PARK VIEW: Brethren Richard McGee, Claude Parnell, Athel Smith, and Franklin Beeson.

LIBERTY HILL: Brethren Eldridge Furr, Hobart Medlin, Craven Furr, and Charlie Hatley.

PLEASANT GROVE: Brethren Melvin Mills, Harold Williams, Clayton Griffin, and James Mills.

BETHEL: Elder W.M. Benton, Brethren James McLamb, Leroy Mintz, and Mason Anderson.

CORINTH: Brethren Marvin Styers, Walter Peterson, Richard Styers, and Dick Styers.

HERRINS GROVE: Brethren J. L. Lewis, C. M. Herrin, J. C. Williams, and Jimmie Ray Herrin.

JERUSALEM: Brethren Fred Baucom, Floyd Thomas, Bennie Thomas, and Sister Ruby Hatley.

MILLS CHAPEL: Brethren J. M. McClendon, Wayne Efird, Roy Hardy, and Jeff Hardy.

NEW HOPE: Brethren C. R. Smith, W. W. Davis, and Frankie DuBoise.

OAK GROVE: By Letter

UNION: Brethren T. B. Polk, V. H. Soloman, Floyd Hawks, and Lee Robinson.

3—Called for petitionary letters: None presented

4—The moderator was authorized to appoint committees on preaching and finance. Appointed the following;

Preaching Committee: Elder Newell Helms, Brethren Sanford Medlin, Lane Vanhoy, Thomas Broadway, and C. C. Willard

Finance Committee: Elder Joe Helms, Brethren Carl Haigler, Rankin Richardson, Howard Edwards, Howard Collins, and Athel Smith

5—Called for Presbytery report: In compliance with a request from Crooked Creek Church for ordained help to assist in the ordination of Brother Bernard Simpson to the office of deacon, the following formed a presbytery Satday evening, January 27, 1973. Elders A. E. Broadway, C. M. Mills, D. B. Willard, F. W. Stack Jr., and Clarence Davis. Deacons Thomas Broadway, Brown Biggers, Buford Hinson, Fred Baucom, Floyd Thomas, Lloyd Outen, Leonard Baucom, Oren Baucom, Carl Haigler, Charlie Vanhoy, Joe Robinson, Lonnie Eury, Truby High, Orlin Stewart, Wilson Greene, Gradon Helms, Bill Almon, Fred Eudy, Ray Eudy, Howard Collins, Wilburn Mullis, David Helms, Larry Austin, Howard Edwards, Earl Pressley, Johnnie Edwards, Athel Smith, Claude Parnell, Hobart Medlin, Bill Curlee, Melvin Mills, Richard Styers, Burin Williams, Roy Hardee, and Brady Polk.

6—Invited visitors from corresponding associations to seats with us and welcomed the following:

ORIGINAL LITTLE RIVER OF NORTH CAROLINA: Elders Ronnie Lawrence, J. S. Stephenson, Worth Stephenson & wife. Brethren Stokes Lawrence, Seba Clifton, Cecil Martin, Ronald Martin. Sisters Stokes Lawrence, Seba Clifton, Joanne Martin, and others whose names were not obtained.

ORIGINAL TOWALIGA: No visitors to our knowledge.

LITTLE RIVER OF GEORGIA: Brother Leon Kelly

FRIENDSHIP OF GEORGIA: Brother and Sister Brooks Deal, Clark and Durand Deal

TENNESSEE-NOLACHUCKY: Brother and Sister W. B. Ogle

POWELLS VALLEY: No visitors to our knowledge

MT. ZION OF ALABAMA: Elder Guy Hunt, Brethren Johnnie Bowlin, Pat Chambers, Revis Brothers, Raymond Brothers, Sisters Wanda Brothers, Maude Brothers, and Johnnie Bowlin

SOUTH ARKANSAS: No visitors to our knowledge

7—Invited visitors from associations and churches with whom we do not carry formal correspondence to seats with us and welcomed the following:

KETOCTON ASSOCIATION: Elder J. E. Alderton and wife, Elder James Compton and wife, Brother Dulaney Hall and wife, Brother W. C. Madden, and Sister Diane Strohecker.

MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION: Elder Walter Evans, Brother J. Mack Osborne and wife, Brother M. A. Jenkins and wife

ORIGINAL UPPER CANOOCHEE ASSOCIATION: Elder Samuel Bryant and wife, Brother W. A. Coggins and wife, Elder George McNure, and Brother Tommy Roundtree

LOWER WETUMPKA ASSOCIATION: Elder A. L. Beckett, Brother Jesse Connell

MISSISSIPPI RIVER ASSOCIATION: Elder Wiley Sammons and wife

SEQUATCHEE-BLUE RIDGE ASSOCIATION: Elder T. C. Mooney and wife, Elder Lloyd Parker, and Brother J. B. Parker and wife.

SILVER CREEK ASSOCIATION: Elders O. J. Huffman and Gene Watson, Brother Johnnie Freeman and wife

ANTIOCH ASSOCIATION: Sister Irene Hopper

ORIGINAL MAYO ASSOCIATION: Brother H. C. Brumfield and wife, Brother Frank Keatts, Sister Mary E. Keatts

MARTINSVILLE CHURCH: Elder L. J. Corns, Brother J. E. Devins and wife, Sister Vera Ashley, Brother Noel Wilson and wife

PINE CHURCH: Brother J. W. Williams and wife, Bro ther Kemp Walker and wife, and others.

OLD MILL CHURCH: Elders W. H. Lewis and Danny Parker. Sisters Lucy Lanksly, Margaret Jenkins, and Etta Jenkins

BLUE RIDGE CHURCH: Elder A. J. Hylton

ZIONS REST CHURCH: Brother Bailey Dyal and wife

NO CREEK CHURCH: Brother L. H. Snider and wife, and Sister Ila McBride

WHITE OAK SPRINGS CHURCH: Brother Fred Stevens and wife

BETHEL-CLOVER CHURCH: Brother Urban Grover and wife

AFTON ROAD CHURCH: Elder Danny Parker, Sister Janet Kidd, Cindy Kidd, Brother John Lawrence and wife

NORTH VIEW CHURCH: Brethren John Dillon, Hackett Dillon, L. B. Hawkins, Sisters Joan Dillon, Lelia Dillon, Margaret Hawkins, and Bonnie Bender

8—Appoint messengers to visit corresponding associations as follows:

ORIGINAL LITTLE RIVER OF NORTH CAROLINA: Elder D. B. Willard and anyone who can attend

ORIGINAL TOWALIGA: (1st week-end Sept.—Forest Church) Elder Joe Helms and Brother Carl Haigler

LITTLE RIVER OF GEORGIA: (3rd week-end Aug.) Elders F. W. Stack and Newell Helms, Brethren Oren Baucom and Carl Haigler

FRIENDSHIP OF GEORGIA: (2nd week-end—Sept.) Elders Charles Smith and Roy Spier

TENNESSEE-NOLACHUCKY: (2nd week-end Sept.) Brethren Titus Tarlton, Bobby Helms, and Earl Crook

POWELLS VALLEY: (3rd week-end Aug.) Elder Roy Spier and Brother C. C. Willard

MT. ZION OF ALABAMA: (2nd week-end Sept.) Elders H. L. Poplin, Newell Helms, F. W. Stack, Brethren Joe Baucom, Edward Pressley

SOUTH ARKANSAS: (3rd week-end Sept.) Minutes and and visitors if anyone can attend.

9—Unanimously agreed to continue correspondence with all associations with whom we now correspond.

10—Elder A. E. Broadway was unanimously appointed to write the Corresponding Letter to be approved Saturday morning.

11—Unanimously agreed to adjourn until Saturday morning at nine o'clock. (Meeting to continue at Unionville School)

Benediction by Elder Guy Hunt

SATURDAY, September 15, 1973

The Association met pursuant to adjournment in the Unionville School Gymnasium at nine o'clock A.M. After songs of praise and prayer by Elder Wiley Sammons the Association continued with business as follows:

12—Acknowledged visitors from corresponding associations and non-corresponding associations and churches who have arrived since the Friday session and listed their names under Items 6 and 7.

13—Called for report from Finance Committee:

Received from churches	$1,563.00
Received from friends	421.00
Total	$1,984.00

14—Unanimously agreed to distribute minutes from corresponding associations as usual.

15—Called for Corresponding Letter which was read and approved and ordered inscribed in the Minute.

Extended invitation for churches of the Association to request fifth Sunday meetings and unanimously granted the following:

SEPTEMBER, 1973—Meadow Creek Church
DECEMBER, 1973—High Point Church
MARCH, 1974—Jerusalem Church
JUNE, 1974—Bethel Church

17—Unanimously agreed to hold the next session ot the Association with Mountain Creek Church beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1974, and that the

pastor of that church deliver the introductory sermon, by move, second, and vote.

18—Unanimously agreed to have 1400 copies of the minute printed and distributed to the churches and associations as usual, and that Brother Oren Baucom superintend same.

19—Unanimously agreed to distribute all funds above that allowed in Item 18 to ministers present, and any other associational expenses the Finance Committee may deem expedient.

20—Unanimously agreed by standing vote that we return thanks to God for His mercy, and to the members and friends of Union Grove Church and Community for help in every way during this meeting. We also wish to thank the principal, Mr. Fred High, and Unionville Elementary School, the School custodian, and the scouts of Troop 169 who did an excellent job parking cars, and all others who contributed to our welfare and comfort. May God richly bless you all.

21—Unanimously agreed to adjourn to time and place designated in Item 17 after reading the Minute.

Benediction by Elder Roy Spier

ELDER C. M. MILLS, MODERATOR

BROTHER OREN BAUCOM, CLERK

BROTHER KENNETH AUSTIN, ASST. CLERK

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received from the churches	$1,563.00
Received from friends	421.00
Total	$1,984.00

Disbursements:

Expense of printing, mailing, and distribution of minutes and all other clerks expense	$ 400.00
Ministers and miscellaneous expenses	1,584.00
Total	$1,984.00

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:

Elder C. M. Mills, Romans 14:17

Friday Afternoon:

Elder James Compton
Elder Samuel Bryant

Friday Night:

Elder A. J. Hylton, Col. 1:12-13
Elder Ronald Lawrence, Col. 3:16-17
Elder Walter Evans, Philippians 2:6

Saturday Morning:

Elder George McNure, Heb. 2:9
Elder Danny Parker, Col. 3:1-4
Elder J. S. Stephenson, John 5:23-24

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder J. E. Alderton, Luke 1
Elder A. L. Beckett, 1st Tim. 4:16
Elder Worth Stephenson, Matt. 1:21
Elder Guy Hunt, Psm. 16:6

Saturday Night:(Union Grove)

Elder T. C. Mooney, Rom. 8:28-33
Elder Wiley Sammons, Eph. 1:1-12

Saturday Night:(Liberty Hill)

Elder W. H. Lewis
Elder Walter Evans

Saturday Night: (Pleasant Grove)

Elder Gene Watson
Elder L. J. Corns
Elder O. J. Huffman

Sunday Morning:

Elder Brice Haigler, Matt. 11:4-6
Elder Wiley Sammons, Eccl. 3-14
Elder Walter Evans, Gen. 47:8
Elder Charles Smith

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CORRESPONDING LETTER

Greetings to the Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association, together with corresponding associations and the faithful in Christ Jesus:

Once again by the tender mercy of the God of all the earth, granted the wonderful privilege to meet together in an associated capacity, to join our voices together, we trust, in thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God for His favors of grace and tender mercies and by His divine spirit, enabling the children of God to worship the true and living God.

We want to welcome all of our visitors and friends that have come to be with us in this meeting. We trust to pray the blessings of our Lord to be upon all the people of God everywhere. May God be thanked for the love and fellowship that is shown among the brethren and sisters in this meeting. May this love and peace continue among the brethren everywhere.

Submitted in love,

Elder A. E. Broadway

CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

BETHEL: M. D. Anderson, Shalotte, N.C. 28459

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WATSON: T. L. Simpson, Route 12, Box 327 A-1, Charlotte, N. C. 28212

IN MEMORIAM

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints". Psalms 116:15 . . . We pause in sweet memory of the following dear ones who have passed away since our last association.

UNION GROVE:	Brother John Barbee Sister Sarah Jane Medlin
MOUNTAIN CREEK:	Brother Will Vanhoy
LAWYER'S SPRING:	Sister Mattie Thomas Sister Mary Marsh
CROOKED CREEK:	Sister Julia Hargett
HIGH POINT:	Brother and Sister Fred Hegecock Brother Alonzo Martin
MEADOW CREEK:	Deacon Winfred Simpson Sister Sophie Tucker
HIGH HILL:	Sister Lila Mills
LIBERTY HILL:	Brother Wm. Henry Poplin
PLEASANT GROVE:	Brother George Griffin
HERRINS GROVE:	Deacon J. R. Almond
JERUSALEM:	Sister Rossie Helms
UNION:	Sister Mary Jane Abernathy

BETHEL: 2nd Sunday Morning, Saturday Night before – Elder Benton 4th Sunday Morning, Saturday Night before – Pastor

CORINTH: lst Sunday Afternoon, 3rd Sunday Afternoon, Saturday Night before – Pastor

CROOKED CREEK: 4th Sunday Morning, Saturday Night before – Pastor

HERRINS GROVE: 4th Sunday Afternoon, Saturday Night before – Pastor

HIGH HILL: lst Sunday Morning, Saturday Night before, Pastor, 3rd Sunday Morning – Elder Smith

HIGH POINT: 2nd Sunday Morning, 4th Sunday morning and Saturday night before – Pastor

JERUSALEM: 2nd Sunday Morning, Saturday Afternoon before – Pastor

LAWYER'S SPRING: lst Sunday Morning, Saturday Night before – Pastor, 3rd Sunday Morning – Elder J. Helms

LIBERTY HILL: 2nd Sunday Morning – Elder Smith, lst Sunday Afternoon, Saturday Night before – Pastor

MEADOW CREEK: lst Sunday Morning, Saturday Afternoon before – Pastor, 3rd Sunday Morning – Elder N. Helms

MILL'S CHAPEL: 2nd Sunday Morning, Saturday Night before – Pastor, 4th Sunday Morning – Elder Kerley

MOUNTAIN CREEK: 3rd Sunday Morning, Saturday Afternoon before – Pastor

NEW HOPE: 2nd Sunday Morning – Elder Rom Kerley 4th Sunday Morning, Saturday Night before – Pastor

OAK GROVE: 2nd Morning, Saturday Night before, 4th Sunday Morning – Pastor

PARK VIEW: lst Sunday Night, 3rd Sunday Morning, Saturday Night before – Pastor

PLEASANT GROVE: 2nd Sunday Afternoon, Saturday Afternoon before – Pastor, 3rd Sunday Morning– Elder Rom Kerley

PLEASANT HILL: 3rd Sunday Morning, Saturday Night before 1st Sunday P.M.

UNION: lst Sunday Morning, Saturday Night before, 3rd Sunday Morning – Pastor

UNION GROVE: 2nd Sunday Morning, Saturday Night before – Pastors, 4th Sunday Morning – Elder Smith

WATSON: 4th Sunday Morning, Saturday Night before

RULES GOVERNING THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1. We understand that at whatever Church this Association is being held, it is under the authority of the Hostess Church, as any other regular or monthly conference meeting, in which the Church invites the Ministers and Messengers of the sister churches to seats, and take part with them.

2. The officers of that Church shall be the officers of the Association, provided the Pastor is a member of the Association, and if not, the Church shall elect any member of the Association to preside as Moderator. The Church may request the help of any member of another sister Church to assist in the business transactions of the Association.

3. This Association shall have no authority to pass upon any question of a disciplinary nature except it has been passed upon by the local churches composing this Association; then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the Association.

4. Any member who endeavors to bring in or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship, before it has been passed upon by the local churches, shall be considered out of order by the church with which the Association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5. The Association shall be conducted for the purpose of associating together in song, prayer, and preaching service. The Finance Committee shall disburse the funds on hand, as the Association shall so direct. The Body may receive corresponding messengers and visitors from sister associations, and may appoint messengers and visitors to keep up a correspondence with sister associations. No other business shall be transacted by the Association, except that which is necessary to set forth the status of each Church composing this Association in the form of a minute.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, grace and glory, and in relative union with the Divine Word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Article 3. We believe that the scripture of the King James Version of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written, revealed word of God and the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's Church in her militant state while here on earth.

Article 4. We believe in the doctrine of election; that God chose His Church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Article 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Article 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Article 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and His righteousness only.

Article 9. We believe that God's elect or Church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Article 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Article 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment, and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the Supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men. We believe in feet washing as taught by our Savior in St. John 13:4-17.

Article 12. We believe that no man, as a minister, has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

Article 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

Article 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Communion Sundays	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Relation	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Membership	Contributions
Mountain Creek	Elder C. M. Mills, Elder H. L. Poplin	3rd July	8		3				1	85	$ 108.00
Lawyer's Spring	Elder V. V. Willard, Elder Joe C. Helms	1st Aug.	1						2	77	80.00
Crooked Creek	Elder A. E. Broadway	4th July	3						1	54	60.00
High Point	Elder V. V. Willard, Elder Roy Spier	4th May 4th Aug.	4						3	160	175.00
Meadow Creek	Elder C. M. Mills, Elder Charles Smith	1st June	1		2				2	70	118.00
Watson	Elder D. B. Willard der Charles Smith	4th May	3							39	45.00
Pleasant Hill	Elder V. V. Willard, Elder Roy Spier	3rd June								51	77.00
High Hill	Elder Newell Helms	1st Sept.							1	91	90.00
Park View	Elder D. B. Willard	3rd May						1		55	65.00
Liberty Hill	Elder C. M. Mills, Elder Charles Smith	1st July	2				3		1	103	125.00
Pleasant Grove	Elder Joe C. Helms, Elder C. M. Mills	2nd July							1	52	80.00
Union Grove	Elder C. M. Mills, Elder Newell Helms	2nd Aug.	3				1	1	2	205	200.00
Bethel	Elder Newell Helms		1			1		2		78	90.00
Corinth	Elder E. H. Simpson	3rd May	1							18	25.00
Herrins Grove	Elder Rom Kerley	4th June						1	1	24	40.00
Jerusalem	Elder A. E. Broadway	2nd Aug.	2						1	15	40.00
Mills Chapel	Elder D. B. Willard	2nd June	1					1		60	60.00
New Hope	Elder Joe C. Helms	4th Aug.	1		1					10	25.00
Oak Grove	Elder F. W. Stack, Jr.									7	10.00
Union	Elder E. H. Simpson	1st May							1	40	50.00
	Totals		31		6	1	4	6	17	1294	1,563.00

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